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Congress to hold mega convention in Hassan

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Buoyed by the Congress' victory in bypolls to three Assembly seats, the party has decided to hold a mega convention on December 5 in Hassan, a fortress of its arch rival JD(S). » PAGE 8

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GDP growth hits 5.4% in Q2, lowest in 7 quarters

This is much lower than independent projections; India's economy faces challenges in achieving RBI's full-year growth forecast of 7.2%; strong rebound needed in the second half to reach target

Vikas Dhoot
NEW DELHI

In what economists termed as a sign of trouble, India's real GDP growth slumped to a seven-quarter low of 5.4% in the July to September 2024 quarter, much lower than even the most pessimistic independent projections, from a five-quarter nadir of 6.7% in the first quarter (Q1), with Gross Value Added (GVA) growth slowing to 5.8% from 6.8%.

While Reserve Bank of India (RBI) officials had recently estimated GDP growth of 6.8% in Q2 citing economic activity indicators, the Central bank's official estimate enunciated in its October monetary policy review was 7%. Real GDP had grown 8.1% in the second quarter of 2023-24, while GVA growth was 7.7% in that quarter.

The RBI has projected a full-year GDP growth of 7.2% for 2024-25 and the Finance Ministry expects growth in the 6.5% to 7% range, but this may require a sharp rebound in the second half of the year as real GDP had risen 6% between this April and September as per the NSO data. This is the slowest six-month growth print since the second half of 2022-23 when GDP rose 5.3%, and markedly lower than the 8.2% rise recorded in the first half of 2023-24.

Real GVA growth for the first half of 2024-25 is estimated at 6.2%, marginally higher than the GDP print, reversing a trend of GDP growth surpassing the value added in the economy seen through 2023-24.

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Downward trend

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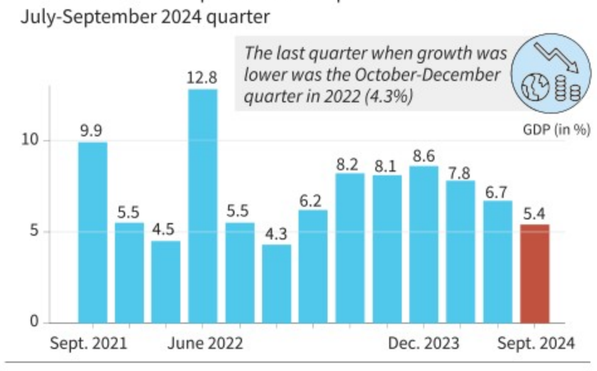

Core sectors' output up 3.1% in October

NEW DELHI
Output in India's eight core infrastructure sectors, which constitute a tad over 40% of industrial production, recovered to rise 3.1% in October, the best performance in three months in terms of growth and absolute levels; ICC recovered 3.9%. » PAGE 15

SC orders officials to be 'totally neutral' in Sambhal masjid row

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday gave a stern instruction to the Sambhal district administration to be "totally, absolutely neutral" and maintain peace after a civil court-ordered survey to verify claims of a mosque built over a destroyed temple in the 16th century, led to violence, loss of lives and arrests amidst communal tension.

A Bench of Chief Justice Sanjiv Khanna and Justice Sanjay Kumar ordered the civil court to freeze the proceedings before it. It directed the mosque survey report prepared by the civil court's Advocate Commissioner to be kept in a sealed cover.

It arrayed a series of legal measures open to the petitioner, Sambhal Shahi Jama Masjid Committee, which managed the mosque.

Chief Justice Khanna said the committee could file a plea to set aside the ex-parte order of the civil court on November 19 to conduct the survey or seek revision of the order or approach the Allahabad High Court invoking its power of superintendence over lower courts under Article 227 of the Constitution.

The Bench made it clear that the trial court would not hold any proceedings till the petition, if any, filed by the committee is heard by the High Court.

The High Court, if such a petition is filed against the civil court order, must list it for hearing within three days.

The Chief Justice Khanna, meanwhile, made sure the authorities knew the apex court had its eyes trained on the happenings in the case.

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Plastics treaty draft skips key issue: limiting production

Jacob Koshy
BUSAN

Following five days of deliberation, countries have thrashed out a preliminary draft of the Global Plastics Treaty at the United Nations-led Global Plastic Treaty negotiations in Busan, South Korea.

Core purpose

However, a group of about 67 countries, including the European Union (EU) and a coalition of Pacific Island countries called the High Ambition Coalition, has said that the treaty does not go far enough to address the core purpose, which is to limit production and trade, and address the harm posed by many of the constituent chemicals used in manufacturing plastic.

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Whole new ball game: how Australia has embraced and dominated a sub-genre

The World Test champion has won every pink-ball game it has played at the Adelaide Oval, its unyielding pace battery's penetrating lengths in helpful conditions proving irresistible. It's why the host begins next week's day-night contest with an edge despite India claiming the Perth Test

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Vivek Krishnan

It is revealing of cricket bureaucracy's resistance to innovation that it took the intervention of an 'outsider' – Australian media tycoon Kerry Packer – for the day-night game to materialise.

The watershed moment arrived in Packer's controversial World Series Cricket, an initiative that riled up the establishment across the board. It was the beginning of the revolution that limited-overs cricket has undergone over the last four decades.

Uncharted territory

Belatedly, maybe, but the belief that the classical format was in need of a similar boost is what resulted in the first-ever day-night Test. Uncharted territory was entered in 2015, as Australia faced Trans-Tasman rival New Zealand in Adelaide. It may have taken place sooner if not for the obstacle of finding a suitable ball that lasted 80 overs – red was hard to spot under lights while white would not offer a contrast with the attire for Tests.

Eventually, after trials with different-coloured balls, pink was settled on as the ideal hue for a spectacle that has proven to be, literally and metaphorically, a whole new ball game.

> Because of the glaze on the pink ball, you get that extra movement. In Australia, there is also extra bounce. Bounce and movement is a deadly combination
>
> **BHARAT ARUN**
> Former India bowling coach

It is an addition that has been embraced by Australia in particular. It has been involved in 12 of the 22 matches held under lights. And it continues to include at least one day-night Test in nearly every home series.

It is with anticipation of that offering in the Border-Gavaskar Trophy that the caravan will move to the scenic Adelaide Oval – the spiritual home of this sub-genre – in a week from now. Despite India winning the first Test in Perth, it's fair to say that the host begins this contest with an edge; it has won 11 of its 12 day-night Tests. In Adelaide, where the sky turns crimson at sunset to make for a breathtaking view, Australia has won all seven day-night Tests.

India, too, has had a healthy success rate in day-night Tests, winning three of the four it has played so far. But it's India's experience in Adelaide during the 2020-21 tour that is most relevant to the build-up – it suffered the ignominy of being bowled out for 36 (its lowest total ever) in the second innings of an eight-wicket defeat.

It was a perfect storm as India's batters kept nicking, rather than playing and missing, the penetrating lengths hit by Australia's unyielding pace battery in helpful conditions. It is to deal with any glaring shortcomings that India is preparing with a day-night warm-up game against a Prime Minister's XI in Canberra between the first two Tests, otherwise a rarity in the current calendar.

India's collapse, though extreme, points to the fundamental challenge of batting against the pink ball in Australia. In 12 day-night Tests Down Under, the overall batting average is 26.11, a noticeable decline from an average of 32.45 in other Tests there during this period (Nov. 2015-Jan. 2024).

Preserving the ball

A precedent was set in that very first Test between Australia and New Zealand in 2015 when neither team crossed 250 on a track laden with grass. The rationale for a pacer-friendly track was associated with the pink ball, and preserving its condition for a longer period. This was arrived at after an abrasive pitch for a trial game in Canberra in the lead-up to the Test led to the ball's early deterioration.

Ever since, a generous sprinkling of grass on the pitch has become de rigueur for day-night Tests in Australia even as the manufacturers have kept fine-tuning the pink Kookaburra based on feedback.

"The extra grass helps in retaining the shine and visibility of the ball. The pink ball definitely loses colour if it is an abrasive wicket," says Paras Anand, CEO of Sanspareils Greenlands (SG), which manufactures balls used in Tests in India.

Where a pink ball differs from a red cherry, aside from the colour obviously, is that it has extra coatings of lacquer, although it must be noted that Kookaburra has recently made variations to the red ball, too, to help bowlers have a greater say. The pink ball also has a black seam on the suggestion of Australian batter Steve Smith after that inaugural Test.

"With the red ball, the way the leather is processed, there is actually no layer of colour coating on it. You just dye the leather red and process it without any layers on it," Anand elaborates. "For the pink ball, to get that colour to stay on the ball for 80 overs, there are layers of pink coating applied on it. On top of it, you apply PU coating also, which protects that colour."

It is probably on account of this preparation, according to former India bowling coach Bharat Arun, that the pink ball seems to offer more lateral movement. Arun was part of the set-up for three of India's four pink-ball Tests, including the one at Adelaide.

> The tricky period most definitely is that [twilight period, when the natural light fades]. You just have to focus and concentrate a lot more on watching the ball during that period
>
> **SHELDON JACKSON**
> Ranji and Duleep Trophy winner

"There is some extra movement that you get with the pink ball. Because of the glaze on the ball, you get that extra movement. Any batter in the world finds it difficult to negotiate a moving ball. In Australia, there is also extra bounce. Bounce and movement is a deadly combination. It appeared in most of the matches we played, even in India, that the pink ball moved a bit more than the red ball," the 61-year-old coach said.

In view of these nuances, it is far from ideal that India hasn't played a pink-ball Test since facing Sri Lanka in Bengaluru in March 2022. It doesn't help either that the experiment of having day-night games in the Duleep Trophy was halted after three iterations with the pink ball from 2016 to 2018.

Batting troubles

Sheldon Jackson, a seasoned professional from Saurashtra who was the third-highest run-getter for the triumphant India Blue in the 2016 edition, threw light on the troubles that batters encounter. "Especially under lights, you can't judge the shine of the ball very well to know which way it will swing. With the red ball, it is a bit easier to pick the shinier side. And the ball starts doing a lot more than what it does in the daytime," he said.

Batters seem to be vulnerable particularly during the twilight period, when the natural light fades and the floodlights begin to take over. "Yes, the tricky period most definitely is that. You just have to focus and concentrate a lot more on watching the ball during that period," Jackson said.

Will the events in Adelaide four years ago have any bearing? "I don't think so," Arun responded. "They will be just looking to play as it comes."

Which is what India did at Perth's Optus Stadium, surmounting the backlash of a whitewash by New Zealand at home. Defeating Australia in a day-night Test in Adelaide is perhaps an even harder ask. But one that you can't put beyond the current bunch, not when India's last two Tests in Australia have witnessed fortress-breaching victories in Brisbane and Perth.

STACKING UP

ATP Men's Top 15

#	Player	Age	Points	Events
1	Jannik Sinner	23	11,830	17
2	Alexander Zverev	27	7,915	21
3	Carlos Alcaraz	21	7,010	18
4	Taylor Fritz	27	5,100	22
5	Daniil Medvedev	28	5,030	17
6	Casper Ruud	25	4,255	25
7	Novak Djokovic	37	3,910	18
8	Andrey Rublev	27	3,760	27
9	Alex de Minaur	25	3,745	23
10	Grigor Dimitrov	33	3,350	19
11	Stefanos Tsitsipas	26	3,165	22
12	Tommy Paul	27	3,145	21
13	Holger Rune	21	3,025	23
14	Ugo Humbert	26	2,765	26
15	Jack Draper	22	2,685	22

Top Indians ▶

Sumit Nagal
Rank 78 ▼ 1 spot

Ramkumar Ramanathan
Rank 309 ▼ 1 spot

WTA Women's Top 15

#	Player	Age	Points	Events
1	Aryna Sabalenka	26	9,416	21
2	Iga Swiatek	23	8,370	21
3	Coco Gauff	20	6,530	22
4	Jasmine Paolini	28	5,344	20
5	Qinwen Zheng	22	5,340	21
6	Elena Rybakina	25	5,171	20
7	Jessica Pegula	30	4,705	19
8	Emma Navarro	23	3,589	25
9	Daria Kasatkina	27	3,368	24
10	Barbora Krejcikova	28	3,214	17
11	Danielle Collins	30	3,178	19
12	Paula Badosa	27	2,908	20
13	Diana Shnaider	20	2,895	27
14	Anna Kalinskaya	25	2,743	20
15	Jelena Ostapenko	27	2,588	21

Top Indians ▶

Ankita Raina
Rank 291 ▲ 8 spots

Shrivalli Bhamidipaty
Rank 307 ▼ 6 spots

F1 Drivers' standings

#	Driver	Team	Points	Wins
1	Max Verstappen	Red Bull	403	8
2	Lando Norris	McLaren	340	3
3	Charles Leclerc	Ferrari	319	3
4	Oscar Piastri	McLaren	268	2
5	Carlos Sainz	Ferrari	259	2
6	George Russell	Mercedes	217	2
7	Lewis Hamilton	Mercedes	208	2
8	Sergio Perez	Red Bull	152	0
9	Fernando Alonso	Aston Martin	62	0
10	Nico Hulkenberg	Haas	35	0
11	Yuki Tsunoda	RB	30	0
12	Pierre Gasly	Alpine	26	0
13	Lance Stroll	Aston Martin	24	0
14	Esteban Ocon	Alpine	23	0
15	Kevin Magnussen	Haas	14	0
16	Alex Albon	Williams	12	0
17	Daniel Ricciardo	RB	12	0
18	Oliver Bearman	Haas	7	0
19	Franco Colapinto	Williams	5	0
20	Liam Lawson	RB	4	0

Max Verstappen

Lando Norris

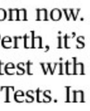
F1 Constructors' standings

Pos	Team	Points	Wins
1	McLaren	608	5
2	Ferrari	584	5
3	Red Bull	555	8
4	Mercedes	425	4
5	Aston Martin	86	0
6	Haas	50	0
7	Alpine	49	0
8	RB	46	0
9	Williams	17	0
10	Kick Sauber	0	0

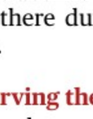
Badminton Men's ranking

#	Player	Points	Events
1	Shi Yu Qi	99,215	14
2	Anders Antonsen	93,821	20
3	Viktor Axelsen	92,290	14
4	Jonatan Christie	85,947	17
5	Kunlavut Vitidsarn	81,408	17
6	Li Shi Feng	76,896	18
7	Kodai Naraoka	76,847	20
8	Lee Zii Jia	76,256	19
9	Chou Tien Chen	71,497	27
10	Anthony Sinisuka Ginting	68,305	16
11	Koki Watanabe	64,374	18
12	Loh Kean Yew	61,333	21
13	Lin Chun-Yi	61,071	23
14	Lakshya Sen	59,668	16
15	Kenta Nishimoto	59,362	24

Top Indians ▶



Lakshya Sen
Rank 14



Prannoy H. S.
Rank 26

Badminton Women's ranking

#	Player	Points	Events
1	An Se Young	107,667	12
2	Wang Zhi Yi	92,815	19
3	Chen Yu Fei	88,982	10
4	Akane Yamaguchi	86,157	14
5	Tai Tzu Ying	79,021	12
6	Gregoria Mariska Tunjung	76,762	19
7	Carolina Marin	74,996	10
8	Han Yue	74,249	21
9	Aya Ohori	69,497	22
10	Supanida Katethong	64,764	21
11	Tomoka Miyazaki	62,637	19
12	Busanan Ongbamrungphan	61,630	23
13	Yeo Jia Min	60,550	17
14	Pornpawee Chochuwong	60,304	21
15	Beiwen Zhang	58,376	18

Top Indians ▶

P.V. Sindhu
Rank 18

Malvika Bansod
Rank 32

Test Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Joe Root	903	932
2	Yashasvi Jaiswal	825	825
3	Kane Williamson	804	919
4	Harry Brook	778	829
5	Daryl Mitchell	743	804
6	Rishabh Pant	736	801
7	Steve Smith	726	947
8	Saud Shakeel	724	728
9	Kamindu Mendis	716	716
10	Travis Head	713	884

Test Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Jasprit Bumrah	883	883
2	Kagiso Rabada	872	902
3	Josh Hazlewood	860	864
4	R. Ashwin	807	904
5	Prabath Jayasuriya	801	801
6	Pat Cummins	796	914
7	Ravindra Jadeja	794	899
8	Nathan Lyon	782	801
9	Noman Ali	759	759
10	Matt Henry	750	751

ODI Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Babar Azam	809	898
2	Rohit Sharma	765	882
3	Shubman Gill	763	847
4	Virat Kohli	746	909
5	Harry Tector	737	767
6	Daryl Mitchell	706	750
7	Rahmanullah Gurbaz	693	693
8	Pathum Nissanka	671	728
9	Shai Hope	665	802
10	Charith Asalanka	660	683

ODI Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Rashid Khan	687	799
2	Shaheen Afridi	682	696
3	Keshav Maharaj	674	741
4	Kuldeep Yadav	665	760
5	Bernard Scholtz	654	659
6	Maheesh Theekshana	650	650
7	Jasprit Bumrah	645	838
8	Mohammed Siraj	643	736
9	Adam Zampa	635	698
10	Josh Hazlewood	634	727

T20I Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Travis Head	855	884
2	Philip Salt	828	860
3	Tilak Varma	806	806
4	Suryakumar Yadav	788	910
5	Babar Azam	742	896
6	Mohammad Rizwan	719	875
7	Jos Buttler	717	726
8	Yashasvi Jaiswal	706	779
9	Pathum Nissanka	672	698
10	Rahmanullah Gurbaz	636	748

T20I Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Adil Rashid	701	746
2	Wanindu Hasaranga	696	797
3	Adam Zampa	693	743
4	Akeal Hosein	689	695
5	Maheesh Theekshana	684	684
6	Gudakesh Motie	673	707
7	Rashid Khan	668	816
8	Ravi Bishnoi	666	699
9	Arshdeep Singh	656	656
10	Fazalhaq Farooqi	645	692

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OTS scheme ends today; BBMP yet to collect over ₹550 crore property tax dues

Of the 3.95 lakh people on the BBMP's list of tax defaulters, only around two lakh have availed themselves of the scheme. The civic body has collected about ₹670 crore

Shreyas H.S.
BENGALURU

Under the OTS scheme, property tax defaulters can pay pending dues without any interest and penalty. In many cases, penalty and compounding interest put together runs into crores. FILE PHOTO

About two lakh tax defaulters have availed the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike's (BBMP) One Time Settlement (OTS) scheme for payment of property tax, which will be ending on November 30.

A senior BBMP official talking to *The Hindu* said about 3.95 lakh people are on the list of tax defaulters and the response was below the expectation of the BBMP.

Under this scheme, the defaulters can pay the pending dues without any interest and penalty. In many cases, penalty and compounding interest put together runs into crores.

BBMP Special Commissioner (Revenue) Munish Moudgil said so far, the civic body has collected about ₹670 crore and about ₹550 crore is still pending.

Mr. Moudgil said while more than half of the total pending tax has been paid by the defaulters, the BBMP has not reached its target.

He said last few days have also seen a lull in terms of payments and people who want to avoid penalties have to complete the payment on Saturday.

Multiple extensions

Launched in February, the OTS scheme provides significant relief by waiving compounding interest on arrears and reducing penalties by 50%.

Initially set to expire in July, the scheme was first extended to the end of September. Later, on demand, it was again extended to November 30.

To boost collection, the BBMP had also carried out door-to-door visits educating the defaulters and others about the scheme.

A few tax defaulters to whom *The Hindu* spoke, claimed that there are some errors in calculation and the BBMP officials have not been responsive. "The BBMP has to extend the deadline for another 15 days and resolve the problems of defaulters who are willing settle the dues," one property owner said.

Stamps and Registration Department registers record revenue growth of 26%

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The department will be able to meet this year's targeted revenue of ₹24,500 crore by the end of this financial year, says Revenue Minister Krishna Byre Gowda. GETTY IMAGES

The Stamps and Registration Department has registered a record growth of 26% in its revenues as against Karnataka's average revenue growth of 11%, according to Revenue Minister Krishna Byre Gowda. The Minister said this rate of growth was at an all-time high.

Mr. Gowda expressed confidence that the department would be able to comfortably meet this year's targeted revenue of ₹24,500 crore by the end of this financial year. The department had collected revenues to the tune of ₹ 15,500 crore by October.

E-khata

Earlier, addressing a press conference in Bengaluru after reviewing the functioning of the Revenue Department through video conference with deputy commissioners of districts, the Minister disapproved of the argument that the revenues from the Stamps and Registration would have been much higher if the government had not imposed the condition that e-khata is mandatory for property transaction.

Pointing out that so far, frauds were being committed with respect to the registration of properties with the involvement of middlemen, who would help get fake "paper certificates" in the name of khata for properties, he said e-khata would end such frauds. It would also bring these properties under the tax ambit of local bodies. "Properties registered through fake certificates were evading property taxes, too. But e-khata would bring them under the tax ambit, helping in the increase of taxes for local bodies," he said.

He pointed out that Bengaluru itself had seven to eight lakh properties that were not paying property taxes, while the number of such properties was estimated to be 20 to 30 lakh in the municipal limits and 90 lakhs under the village

Infrastructural boost

panchayat jurisdiction. "Bengaluru's infrastructure development will get a boost if all these properties pay property taxes, and the mandatory e-khata norm for registration is a step in this direction," the minister maintained.

Bagair hukum lands

Speaking on the issue of *bagair hukum* land, the Minister said digital certificates with respect to ownership rights would be given from next week. The officials concerned had been told to bring up at least 5,000 eligible applications before the bagair hukum committee by December 15.

This target would be increased to the range of 15,000-20,000 by February, he said. So far, the officials had found about 1.26 lakh applications as eligible after a verification process, he noted.

Crop loss compensation

Speaking on compensation towards crop losses on 1,58,087 hectares of land for rabi season would be credited to the accounts of farmers in about a week. The crop losses had been estimated at around ₹ 120 crore, he noted.

He recalled that compensation of ₹162 crore had been disbursed towards crop losses on 77,000 hectares of land and damage to houses due to heavy rains during kharif season.

Revenue and grievance adalat meeting to be held every Wednesday in BBMP limits

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A revenue and grievance adalat will be held every Wednesday under the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) limits to address public grievances and petitions.

BBMP Special Commissioner (Revenue), Munish Moudgil, has issued an order directing officials to conduct the adalats.

As per the order, revenue officials must be present in their respective offices every Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. without fail. They are to conduct the adalat and should not call off the adalat to attend any physical, general, or virtual meetings in other offices.

The officials must ensure proper functioning of office staff during the designated hours and resolve all grievances and petitions received from the public in a timely manner.

The order stated that all Joint Commissioners (JCs), Deputy Commissioners (Revenue) (DCs), revenue officers, and assistant revenue officers in all zones must remain accessible in their offices to assist the public. To monitor the effectiveness of these sessions, a review meeting on 'sakala and grievances' will be held every Monday under the chairmanship of the Chief Commissioner.

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Stronger and surer after Olympiad gold, Vantika devotes herself to the 64 squares

Not having to expend her energy on academics any longer, the 22-year-old is spending a lot more time on chess. An improving multi-format player, she has set her sights on becoming a Grandmaster and augmenting her collection of medals

P.K. Ajith Kumar

Maternal pride is writ large on Sangeeta Agrawal's face as she speaks about how she prepared her daughter for the Chess Olympiad. "I made her play in 28 tournaments," she says from the players' lounge of the Tata Steel Chess India tournament at Kolkata.

Her daughter, Vantika Agrawal, doesn't have a sponsor, so that meant spending an awful lot of money. It proved money well spent.

> I was so shocked. And after winning the [gold] medal [at the Olympiad], I received messages and calls from everyone. Nothing like that has ever happened to me

Starring role

Not only did Vantika play a starring role in the Indian women's triumph at the Olympiad in Budapest in September, she also won the individual gold on the fourth board. When India's players on the top two boards, D. Harika and R. Vaishali, struggled a bit, it was the consistently superb efforts by Vantika and Divya Deshmukh that helped the women win the team gold, as they replicated the great victory by the men's team.

The Olympiad could very well prove a turning point in Vantika's career. She is not just a stronger player, she is a more confident player. She is spending a lot more time on chess, not having to spend her energy on academics any longer. And she is also getting better as a multi-format player. That was evident earlier this month at Kolkata, where she finished third in the rapid section and fourth in the blitz (she had tied for third but had an inferior tie-break score).

She had begun as the 10th seed in a field of 10 in both sections, and did better than all the other Indian women – Koneru Humpy, Harika, Divya and Vaishali. She proved herself in a field that contained players such as three-time World blitz champion Kateryna Lagno, Alexandra Kosteniuk, Valentina Gunina and Aleksandra Goryachkina.

Vantika isn't entirely happy with her showing, though. "It would have been nice if I could have finished third in the blitz too," says the 22-year-old from Noida. "I lost some games that I had winning positions in, otherwise I could have done much better."

She couldn't have hoped to do a lot better at the Olympiad, though. Yes, there was a crucial game in which she snatched a draw from the jaws of victory, and that made her feel terrible.

Vantika showed character to bounce back after her draw with Alicja Sliwicka in India's match with Poland. It was her blunder with the queen on the 56th move that turned her game into a draw and ended India's great winning streak that had stretched to seven matches.

"I knew I let my team down, and there is no worse feeling than that," Vantika recalls. "That position was in front of my mind's eye all the time; my blunder, Qe4, haunted me. Whatever I did, my mind was filled with that position, even while I was taking a bath, or travelling on the bus."

Recovering in style

She is grateful that her mother was with her. Sangeeta has sacrificed her career as a chartered accountant to act as Vantika's travelling companion ever since she started playing chess as a seven-year-old. "She was telling me how well I handled pressure and things like that," says Vantika. "That helped."

Her results at the Olympiad prove it. In the following rounds, she won two and drew one, ensuring that the Indian women lived up to their top billing. "Those games were important for our team, and if I hadn't done well, it would have been disastrous," she says. "I was delighted that I could win my game and the match against Azerbaijan. We could thus win the gold."

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She also won the individual gold on the fourth board, which was actually what she was dreaming of before the Olympiad. "I wanted to win the team and individual gold medals," she says. "It wasn't easy handling the pressure as we were the top seed."

She says she was happy to play on the fourth board. The decision to field Divya on the third board also worked. "She was higher rated than me," says Vantika. "Playing D. Harika and R. Vaishali on the top two boards also made sense as they are solid players. In the Asian Games, too, I had played on the fourth board and had scored heavily."

Vantika wasn't quite prepared for the reaction back home to India's stunning victory in Hungary. "I was so shocked, in fact," she says, smiling. "Some of my college friends, who don't even know anything about chess, texted me that they were watching the live streaming of the Olympiad and were wishing me for my next game. And after winning the medal, I have received messages and calls from everyone – my college friends, school friends, my school teachers, my dad's friends, colleagues... My mom and dad were constantly getting calls, too. Of course, nothing like that has ever happened to me."

Nothing like that has happened before in Indian sport – India emerging as the world champions in both the men's and women's sections at the same time, that too against opposition from more than 190 countries. Vantika says the women's team was inspired by the men, who came up with one of the most dominant shows in the history of the Olympiad as they won the event by a margin of four match points, winning 10 matches and drawing the other.

"The men were magnificent," she says. "And Arjun Erigaisi and D. Gukesh were brilliant. I think it was a great decision to play Arjun on the third board, fielding Gukesh on the first board was a no-brainer. They both crushed the field."

She says the women's team also benefited from the decisions made by non-playing captain Abhijit Kunte. "He also helped us with our openings and motivated us when we were feeling down after the match against Poland," says Vantika. "And I think the All India Chess Federation also did the right thing by letting our seconds, Arjun Kalyan and Swayams Mishra, travel with us. They contributed a lot towards our preparation."

The GM goal

Vantika's goal now is to become a Grandmaster. Only three Indian women have achieved that – Koneru Humpy, Harika and Vaishali.

Her mother says she will have to play a lot more open tournaments, as a player needs to make three Grandmaster norms and attain a FIDE rating of 2500. She is on 2392, but a year ago she was on 2435.

"She isn't getting invitations to good tournaments," says Sangeeta. "So we have to play in open events wherever we can."

How did it all begin for Vantika?

"My brother and I went to the chess room one day and we were attracted," she says. "We told our mother that we wanted to learn it. She enrolled us in an academy. In the first tournament I played, I won a prize. Then I kept winning medals at all levels – Nationals, Asian, Commonwealth, world..."

She has no intention of stopping anytime soon.

GAME THEORY

Still standing: a record not threatened since 1983

The oldest track athletics world record is in the women's 800m, set by Jarmila Kratochvilova a little over four decades ago. How often has an athlete approached it? We look at the fastest 800m runs of all time:

Jarmila Kratochvilova

FASTEST 800m RUNS (WOMEN)

Mark	Competitor	Venue	Date
1:53.28	Jarmila Kratochvilova	Munich	26 Jul 1983
1:53.43	Nadezhda Olizarenko	Moscow	27 Jul 1980
1:54.01	Pamela Jelimo	Zurich	29 Aug 2008
1:54.25	Caster Semenya	Paris	30 Jun 2018
1:54.44	Ana Fidelia Quirot	Barcelona	09 Sep 1989
1:54.60	Caster Semenya	Monaco	20 Jul 2018
1:54.61	Keely Hodgkinson	London	20 Jul 2024
1:54.68	Jarmila Kratochvilova	Helsinki	09 Aug 1983
1:54.77	Caster Semenya	Ostrava	09 Sep 2018
1:54.81	Olga Mineyeva	Moscow	27 Jul 1980
1:54.82	Ana Fidelia Quirot	Koln	24 Aug 1997
1:54.85	Nadezhda Olizarenko	Moscow	12 Jun 1980
1:54.87	Pamela Jelimo	Beijing	18 Aug 2008
1:54.94	Tatyana Kazankina	Montreal	26 Jul 1976
1:54.97	Pamela Jelimo	Paris	18 Jul 2008
1:54.97	Athing Mu	Eugene	17 Sep 2023
1:54.98	Caster Semenya	Doha	03 May 2019
1:54.99	Pamela Jelimo	Berlin	01 Jun 2008
1:55.04	Jarmila Kratochvilova	Oslo	23 Aug 1983
1:55.04	Athing Mu	Eugene	21 Aug 2021
1:55.05	Doina Melinte	Bucharest	01 Aug 1982
1:55.16	Pamela Jelimo	Brussels	05 Sep 2008
1:55.16	Caster Semenya	London	13 Aug 2017

Nadezhda Olizarenko

Pamela Jelimo

Caster Semenya

Source: World Athletics

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Race with a view

Unless you're Australian or a racing die-hard, you probably haven't heard of the William Thomson Dunkeld Cup.

But if you chance upon an image from the event, you're unlikely to forget it in a hurry. Once advertised as 'A Day's Outing Among The Mountains', the race has a history dating back to 1856 and a backdrop that never grows old.

Dunkeld Racecourse sits at the foot of the Grampians, a striking series of sandstone mountain ranges. The stunning — and fantastically named — Mt. Abrupt overlooks the course proper, supplying the track its unforgettable aesthetic.

Thousands of fans make the 283km drive from Melbourne, as they did earlier this month, to partake in what the race organisers describe as "an authentic country racing experience".

Jack Hill, riding Rhinoceros, won this year's race and presumably received more than a "pig skin saddle worth ten guineas, bridle, whip and spurs, together with a Musical Box, a ladies' side saddle worth fifteen guineas and a rifle valued at 12 guineas", which is reportedly what the inaugural race meeting in 1856 offered.

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Bengaluru among top 3 as office rentals see 3.6% growth

The city's top-performing macro-markets include Whitefield, South Bengaluru, and Outer Ring Road, with Whitefield leading the growth at a 12-year CAGR of 6.3%

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The average effective rentals across major cities in India have grown by 3.6% on a five-year compound annual growth rate (CAGR), according to what is being said to be India's first commercial property rental index by the Indian Institute of Management Bangalore (IIMB), in collaboration with CRE Matrix.

This index, backed by over a decade of transactional data, aims to provide accurate insights into rental trends across India's ten major cities, covering 90% of Grade A/A+ office stock.

"Traditionally, Indian real estate markets have relied on anecdotal evidence or skewed data from limited transactions. The IIMB-CRE Matrix CPRI addresses these challenges by incorporating a spatiotemporal modelling approach. Unlike conventional indices that focus on average prices, this methodology considers real and hypothetical transactions, predicting current rental prices for active leases. This unique approach ensures a comprehensive and balanced view of the market," the study states.

The index tracks quarterly effective rental trends since 2012, reflecting normalised values to exclude anomalies like rent-free periods or abnormal escalations. It captures data from Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Mumbai, Gurugram, Pune, Chennai, Noida, Navi Mumbai, Delhi, and Thane, with sub-indices for 36 macro-markets.

The index highlights that Bengaluru has consistently adapted to market demands, reflecting robust fundamentals in its office real estate sector. SUDHAKARA JAIN

The index identifies Pune as the top-performing city with a 12-year CAGR of 6.9%, followed by Chennai and Bengaluru at 5.5% and 5.3%, respectively. Among the macro-markets, Pune's Central Business District recorded the highest value in Q3 2024.

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Regarding the post-pandemic, the report also notes a recovery in office rentals since Q2 2022, with 92% of quarters showing positive growth.

Bengaluru most consistent

Meanwhile, Bengaluru consistently reported positive rental growth in 44 out of 50 quarters, making it the most stable market. Hyderabad's Gachibowli macro-market achieved a 12-year CAGR of 6.2%, highlighting its potential for long-term investments. Delhi's South region experienced a notable quarterly increase of 9.4%, the highest across all cities.

The city's top-performing macro-markets include Whitefield, South Bengaluru, and Outer Ring Road, with Whitefield leading the growth at a 12-year CAGR of 6.3%. These areas have significantly contributed to Bengaluru's position as a preferred destination for office spaces, according to the report. The index highlights that Bengaluru has consistently adapted to market demands, reflecting robust fundamentals in its office real estate sector. Despite global economic uncertainties and post-pandemic challenges, the city's effective rentals have steadily increased, solidifying its reputation as a tech-driven commercial hub in the country.

Venkatesh Panchapagesan, Chair of the Real Estate Research Initiative at IIM Bangalore, emphasized the significance of the index, said, "India's journey towards becoming a $25 trillion economy by 2047 requires robust tools like the CPRI to ensure transparent decision-making and effective capital allocation in the real estate sector."

Expressing optimism about the future, Abhishek Kiran Gupta, CEO of CRE Matrix, said, "The high-quality data and methodologies underpinning the CPRI will empower stakeholders to navigate market complexities and capitalise on growth opportunities."

3,879 students receive degrees

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As many as 3,879 students, including 75 PhDs and 19 gold medallists, received their degrees at the 7th annual convocation of the Presidency University, Bengaluru.

Chief guest, Rakesh Singh, chairman of the Karnataka Real Estate Regulatory Authority, highlighted the profound transformation India has undergone over the last few decades..

Chancellor Nissar Ahmed, vice-chairman Suhael Ahmed, and vice-president Salman Ahmed were present.

BIS organises Manak Manthan

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The Bengaluru branch of the Bureau of Indian Standards organised a Manak Manthan on Friday focused on various Indian standards related to labour safety. The event aimed to raise awareness and discuss the standards and best practices for ensuring safe working environments across industries.

IN THE COURT OF IX ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL JUDGE AT BANGALORE (CCH-05)
Misc No.548/2021 IN O.S.No.498 OF 2020

BETWEEN: G.M. Nagaraj, Son of Mangaraju, Residing at No.266/A-1, 36th A Cross, Jayanagar 7th Block, Bengaluru 560070. ... **PETITIONERS**

AND: Vikram .M.P ... **RESPONDENT**

NOTICE TO RESPONDENT

Vikram .M.P, Son of Panduranga Shetty, Aged about 51 years, R/at no.14/1; Bull Temple Road, Basavanagudi, Shankarpuram, Bengaluru-560 004

WHEREAS, the Petitioner has filed the above case against the Respondents, seeking to set aside the order dated 21.09.2021 passed by this Hon'ble Court in O.S.No.498 of 2020. By the said order, this Hon'ble Court was pleased to dismiss the O.S.No.498 of 2020 for default.

WHEREFORE, this notice is for Respondent and same is published, directing you to appear before Hon'ble IX Additional District and Session Judge at Bengaluru, on **13.12.2024** about **11:00 A.M** to answer the suit. If you fail to appear before this Hon'ble court on said day, in person or through your counsel, otherwise you will be placed ex-parte and the case will be disposed off in accordance with law.

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This is to inform the general public that my clients have agreed to purchase the Schedule property from G. Raja Naik S/o late L. Govinda Naik, aged about 64 years, residing at Ingaladal Lambanihatti, Indaladal Post, Chitradurga-577524, If anybody has got any right or legitimate claim over the same, they can put forward their claim within 10 days from the date of publication of this Notice along with relevant documents to the under signed. Claims that are received after ten days from the date of publication of this notice will not be taken into consideration.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of Site bearing No.38, Dasarahalli Ward No.14, BBMP Katha No.2417, measuring east to west 40 feet and north to south 30 feet, formed in Residential converted land bearing Sy.No.111, (vide order BDS.ALN.SR, (N)93/1991-92) Bagalagunte Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, having the following boundaries: East by : Site No.34, West by : Road, North by : Site bearing No.37, South by : Site bearing No.39.

DIVAKARA, BAL, LLB, Advocate
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Mail : divakar.yashu@gmail.com
BANGALORE DATED : 29-11-2024

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public is informed that my client **Shreekanth V s/o Venkateshappa A R,** intends to purchase property described in the schedule herein from **J. Venkata Narayanan s/o M. Jayaram** (hereinafter Owner/seller). The Owner/seller represents and warrant that he is the absolute owner of the schedule property and that it has not conveyed or entered into any Agreement to Sell/MOU or any sort of agreement with any other person/s, for sale/transfer of the schedule property and that the owner/seller further represents and warrants that he has not encumbered, the schedule property in any manner and apart from him no other person/s, includes legal heirs, Firm or Company having any sort of right, title or claim over the schedule property. Any person/s having any objection/s or claim/s shall with documentary evidence lodge their objection/s, claim/s, within **Seven (07) days** from the date of this notice with the undersigned, failing which my client shall proceed with the above mentioned transaction.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of **Site no.84,** measuring East to West 50ft and North to South 30ft totally measuring **1500sqft,** Khatha No.84/45/2, carved out of Survey No.45/2 in White City layout situated at **Seegehalli Village, KR puram Hobli, Bengaluru dist,** under BBMP limits Ward no.53, bounded on : **East by : 30ft Road, West by : Plot No.67, North by : Plot No.85, South by : Plot No.83.**

Prashanth B.K, Advocate,
No.17, Sir M V 2nd Cross, Kalkere Main Road, Ramamurthynagar
Bengaluru-560016 M : 09900056401
Bengaluru Date : 30-11-2024

High Court of Karnataka
High Court Buildings, Bengaluru-1
HCC No. 53/2024 **Date: 27.11.2024**
BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION

Tender is called by the High Court of Karnataka, Bengaluru for Procurement of 64 Nos. of Advanced Facial and Fingerprint Biometric Devices (50 Nos. to High Court of Karnataka, Principal Bench, Bengaluru, 8 Nos. to Dharwad Bench and 6 Nos. to Kalaburagi Bench), through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal of Centre for e-Governance, Bengaluru. The last date to upload the tender is fixed as **05.12.2024 at 4.00 p.m.** For more details visit **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/#/portal/searchTender/live website.**

(N. G. Dinesh)
Registrar (Computers) and
Tender Inviting Authority
High Court of Karnataka, Bengaluru.

DIPR/DD-C.P/3491/KSMCA/2024-25

BANGALORE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
T. Chowdaiah Road, Kumara Park West, Bengaluru - 560 020
Tender No.: BDA/2024-25/EL/WORK_INDENT70 Dated: 29.11.2024

INVITATION FOR SHORT-TERM TENDERS

BDA invites short-term tender for providing 3.5Cx300 sq.mm Al.Ar LT UG Cable, 3.5Cx240 sq.mm Al.Ar UG Cable, 3.5Cx95 sq.mm LT UG Cable replacement of existing Deteriorated LT Panel Board and its accessories at BDA Head Office Building, Bengaluru.

Calendar of Events: (1) Date of downloading the tender related documents: **29.11.2024. (2)** Last date & time for receipt of tenders in e-portal: **13.12.2024 up to 16.00 hrs. (3)** Date and time for opening of Technical Bid: **After 14.12.2024 at 17.00 hrs. (4)** Date and time for opening of Financial Bid: **Refer e-proc portal.**

For more details please refer e-procurement portal website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** or contact at office of the Executive Engineer (Elec.), BDA, T. Chowdaiah Road, Kumara Park West, Bengaluru. Contact No.: +91 9845630164. For queries contact e-mail ID: **eeelec.bda@gmail.com**

Sd/- Executive Engineer (Ele.),
BDA, Electrical Division, Bengaluru

PUBLIC NOTICE

Environmental Appraisal Committee, (Constituted by Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India),have accorded Environmental Clearance for the Construction of Residential Apartment with Club House situated at Sy.No. 191 (OldSy. No.19) situated at Hagadur Village, K.R.PuramHobli, Bangalore East Taluk vide EC Identification No. EC24C3801KA5881409N and File No. SEIAA 120 CON 2024. Dated: 26th November 2024.

The copies of clearance letters/ details are available at https://parivesh.nic.in/

M/s. SOBHA LIMITED
Sobha Corporate Office,
Sarjapur-Marathahalli Outer Ring Road (ORR),
Devarabeesanahalli, Bellandur Post,
Bangalore – 560 103

PUBLIC NOTICE

Environmental Appraisal Committee, (Constituted by Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India),have accorded Environmental Clearance for the Construction of Residential Apartment with Town Center and Activity Areas at Sy. Nos. 52/2(P), 54/1, 54/2, 54/3, 54/4, 54/5, 55/1, 55/2, 55/3, 55/4, 55/5, 56/3, 56/4, 56/5(P), 56/6, 56/7, 58/1(P), 59/1, 59/2, 60/1, 73/1(P), 73/2(P), 73/3(P), 74/6(P), 74/7(P), 74/8(P), 74/11(P) of Yadavanahalli Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District vide EC Identification No. EC24B3813KA5242238N and File No. SEIAA 27 CON 2024. Dated: 27th November 2024.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED

A Complaint bearing C.C.No.3155 of 2016 was filed before the XVII Metropolitan Magistrate Court, Saidapet, Chennai, by R.S. Suriya, rep. by N.Vivekanandan, as against S. Vijay, son of Late K.Sukumar, residing at, No.31, Chakrabani Street, West Mambalam, Chennai - 600033., with an alternative address, No.4-A, Film Directors, Kodambakkam, Chennai - 600024, under Section 200 of the Cr.P.C. for offences contemplated under Sections 406, 409, 420, 465, 471 and 477A of the Indian Penal Code, 1860.

The said Accused, S. Vijay has absconded and concealed himself to avoid the service of warrant. The XVII Metropolitan Magistrate Court, Saidapet, Chennai on 21st November 2024 declared the aforesaid Accused, S.Vijay as a Proclaimed Offender.

Proclamation is hereby made that the said Accused, S.Vijay, son of Late K.Sukumar is required to appear before the Hon'ble XVII Metropolitan Magistrate's Court, Saidapet, Chennai, on 19 th December 2024 at 10.30 AM.

Date : 30/11/2024

M/s. R & P Partners
Counsel for Complainant
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Ph. No.+91-44-4207 9441/ 9442 / 9443 / 2534 0331

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Br. Bangalore/Basavanagudi: 20/1, Ground Floor, Shri Mallikarjuna Nilaya, Prof.B S Madhava Rao Circle, Basavanagudi, Bangalore- 560 004, Ph No.08026571530 :- 13186400021616.
Br. Bangalore/Jaya Nagar: K M Plaza, Kanakapura Main Road, 30th Cross, 7th Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore- 560 082,Ph No. 080-26655558 :- 13876500013295,13876400085906,13876500012438,13876500013097,13876100386869,13876400089213,13876500013071,13876400086185,13876100386851, 13876400088413,13876500011489,13876500013253,13876500012677,13876500012651,13876100387610,13876500013204,13876400087902,13876400079578, 13876400092233,13876400088728,13876400087894,13876500013089,13876100387891,13876400088710,13876400087886,13876400088249,13876400078349, 13876400088702,13876400087878,13876400088082,13876100386760,13876100387065,13876100387511,13876400088686,13876400093348,13876100386364, 13876400088694. **Br. Bangalore/Koramangala: No. 7, Maruthi Arcade, 20th Main Road, 7th Block, Koramangala, Bangalore- 560 095, Ph No. 080-25717733:-** 14716500002501,14376500009129,14376100132024,14376100128295,14376500008857,14376400036818,14376400037766,14376100129996, 14376500009772,14376400036826,14376400037741,14376100132032,14376500008642,14376400036834,14376400037758,14376100131067,14546500003146.
Br.Bangalore/Marathahalli: No.43, Varthur Main Road, Marathahalli, Bangalore- 560 037, Ph No. 080-25400111:-
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Br. Bannergatta: Limra Towers, Kemmanaikanahalli, Bannergatta, Bangalore Urban-560 083. Ph No. 080 27828224 :-
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Br. Bangalore/H S R Layout : No.19, 15th Cross, 15th Main, Sector IV, H S R Layout, Bangalore- 560 102, Ph no. 080 25724492 :-
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Br. Bangalore/J P Nagar : N.13, 15th Cross, 100ft Ring Road, 6th Phase, J P Nagar, Bangalore- 560 078,Ph No. 080 26549292 :-
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Br. Bangalore/Banashankari: Sudhama, No.299, 100ft. Ring Road, 4rh Phase, 7th Block, Banashankari 3rd Stage, Bangalore-560085,Ph. 080-26691593:-
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Br. Raja Rajeswari Nagar: Nitai Gaur Complex,No: 692, Jawaharlal Nehru Road, BEML 5th stage, Rajarajeswari Nagar, Bengaluru- 560 098 :- 23456500001786.
Br. Billapura: Sy. No.20, Thyvakanahally, Sarjapur - Attibele Road, Bangalore- 562125:- 21666400043900,21666400043892,21666400043850.

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GENERAL

Lokayukta inspection reveals bribery, maladministration at K.C. General Hospital

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Karnataka Lokayukta B.S. Patil conducted a surprise inspection of K.C. General Hospital in Malleshwaram, Bengaluru, on Friday. It revealed many instances of corruption and maladministration at this prominent government healthcare facility.

"We will register a case under the Karnataka Lokayukta Act, 1985 and probe all irregularities at the hospital and fix accountability," Mr. Patil told *The Hindu*.

K.C. General Hospital, Bengaluru. FILE PHOTO

Demand for bribe

Manjula, the caretaker of a patient, told the Lokayukta that a week ago, nurses demanded a bribe before admitting her sister-in-law, who arrived in labour late at night. Other patients echoed similar concerns, alleging that doctors were prescribing medicines to be purchased from outside the hospital, even when they were available in the hospital's pharmacy.

Mr. Patil found that patients were being compelled to buy medicines from outside despite their availability at the hospital. The pharmacy's stock register and its actual inventory didn't match. "The pharmacy operated only between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., forcing patients' families to seek medicines elsewhere during emergencies," Mr. Patil said.

Doctors absent

During his 10 a.m. visit, Justice Patil saw that only one of the five duty doctors was conducting rounds. The medical superintendent failed to provide a satisfactory explanation. The hospital had very few inpatients, with the superintendent attributing this to staff shortage.

Two wards have developed cracks in the walls and in ceiling at the hospital

Mr. Patil also found several pieces of machinery, including an ECG machine, a Doppler machine, and one ventilator in the Neonatal ICU malfunctioning. Emergency medicines were not in stock.

Two wards have developed cracks in the walls and ceiling, and the entire hospital, with a capacity of 1,750 patients, has only one toilet, which is ill-maintained. Several doctors have been posted at the same hospital for several years and one of them joined service at the hospital and will be retiring soon.

Suspect in the murder of Assamese woman arrested

Police traced him to Raichur but he had fled from there to other places before returning to city

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Bengaluru City Police on Friday evening arrested Aarav Hanoy, 21, who is suspected to have stabbed his friend Maya Gogoi Deka, 19, from Assam to death at a serviced apartment in Indiranagar recently, near Devanahalli on the city's outskirts. The two had checked into the apartment on November 23 and Aarav walked out alone on November 26. Hours later, the decomposed body of Maya Gogoi Deka was found in the room.

Maya hailed from Guwahati, Assam, and was working as a student counsellor at a private firm facilitating students studying abroad, apart from being a vlogger. Aarav Hanoy, hailing from Kerala, had been absconding since then.

Aarav Hanoy

'Following leads'

D. Devaraj, Deputy Commissioner of Police (East Division), Bengaluru, said they had leads that the accused had travelled towards North Karnataka. "We traced him to Raichur, but as we chased him, he went to Madhya Pradesh and then to Varanasi in Uttar Pradesh. He returned to Bengaluru on Friday. We arrested him from near Devanahalli around 4 p.m.," he told journalists on Friday evening.

Dating app

Aarav Hanoy, raised by his grandfather, an ex-serviceman in Kerala, came to Bengaluru a few months ago in search of a job.

He had yet to land a job and was an intern at a private company. He met Maya on a popular dating app six months ago, Mr. Devaraj said on Friday.

The officer said contrary to earlier suspicion that the murder was pre-planned, preliminary interrogation of the accused revealed that the duo had a heated argument while they were staying at the service apartment over personal issues.

Home-delivery app

"We had found a knife with which he had stabbed her multiple times in the room, leading to the suspicion that he had pre-planned the murder and carried the knife with him. However, it has now come to light that he ordered the knife along with two arm lengths of nylon rope on a home-delivery app while in the apartment after he decided to kill her," Mr. Devaraj said.

The officer said what differences between them led to the murder was yet to be investigated.

Timings
BENGALURU

SATURDAY, NOV. 30	
RISE 06:25	SET 17:51
RISE 05:27	SET 17:03
SUNDAY, DEC. 01	
RISE 06:26	SET 17:51
RISE 06:20	SET 17:51
MONDAY, DEC. 02	
RISE 06:27	SET 17:52
RISE 07:16	SET 18:44

Bengaluru Weather	max	min
Tumakuru	29	22
Mysuru	29	18
Bengaluru	27	17

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NEP is a framework rooted in Constitutional values: UGC Chairman

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The National Education Policy (NEP-2020) exemplifies the Indian Constitution's commitment to equity and inclusivity, providing students from disadvantaged groups better access to high-quality education, aligning with Article 41, said M. Jagadesh Kumar, chairman of the University Grants Commission (UGC).

Delivering his address at the 9th annual convocation of REVA University on Friday, he said, "NEP is a framework rooted in constitutional values, aiming to reform India's education system to build a progressive, inclusive, and sustainable future."

He further discussed how various government initiatives like the PM Vidya Lakshmi Scheme, PM Internship Scheme, and the One Nation One Subscription scheme are shaping the future of education. He urged educational institutions to integrate these schemes into their systems.

Linguistic diversity

The UGC Chairman also highlighted India's linguistic diversity and the importance of education in one's mother tongue. "Research has proven that learning in the mother tongue significantly enhances educational outcomes," he stated.

P. Shyama Raju, Chancellor of REVA University, presided over the convocation. In this convocation, 4,537 students, including Ph.D scholars received their degrees.

This included 3,311 undergraduates, 1,156 postgraduates, and 70 Ph.D students. Furthermore, 66 exceptional graduates and postgraduates were awarded gold medals.

Man attacks flatmate's pet cat for dirtying room, booked

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Mico Layout police on Thursday booked a 28-year-old man for allegedly attacking a cat in his flat in BTM layout.

He was identified as Manish Ratnakar. The incident occurred on Tuesday night. Ratnakar and Mohammed Aftab, 25, were flatmates. Ratnakar allegedly attacked Aftab's pet cat after it pooped in his room. He called Aftab and complained that his cat had dirtied his room and that it should be thrown out of the flat.

When Aftab returned home asking for the cat, Ratnakar claimed that he had no idea about its whereabouts. On checking, Aftab found the cat in a bucket on the terrace, with bleeding on its face. When confronted again, Ratnakar said that he had kicked the cat because he was angry with it for dirtying his room.

The cat was later treated. A video posted by Aftab went viral on social media, sparking outrage. Based on Aftab's complaint, the police booked Ratnakar under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960.

Arrested

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Anekal Police have arrested the owner of an internet centre for allegedly helping illegal Bangladeshi migrants to get fake identity documents.

The police identified the accused as Arnab Mondal, 38, who was hailing from West Bengal.

10 directors disqualified

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Ten directors of the HOPCOMS, including president H.K. Nagaveni and vice-president A.S. Chandre Gowda, have been disqualified by the joint registrar of Co-operatives, Bengaluru Region, for violation of co-operative norms.

They have been barred from becoming directors of any co-operative for the next five years, according to an order issued on November 28.

APPOINTMENT

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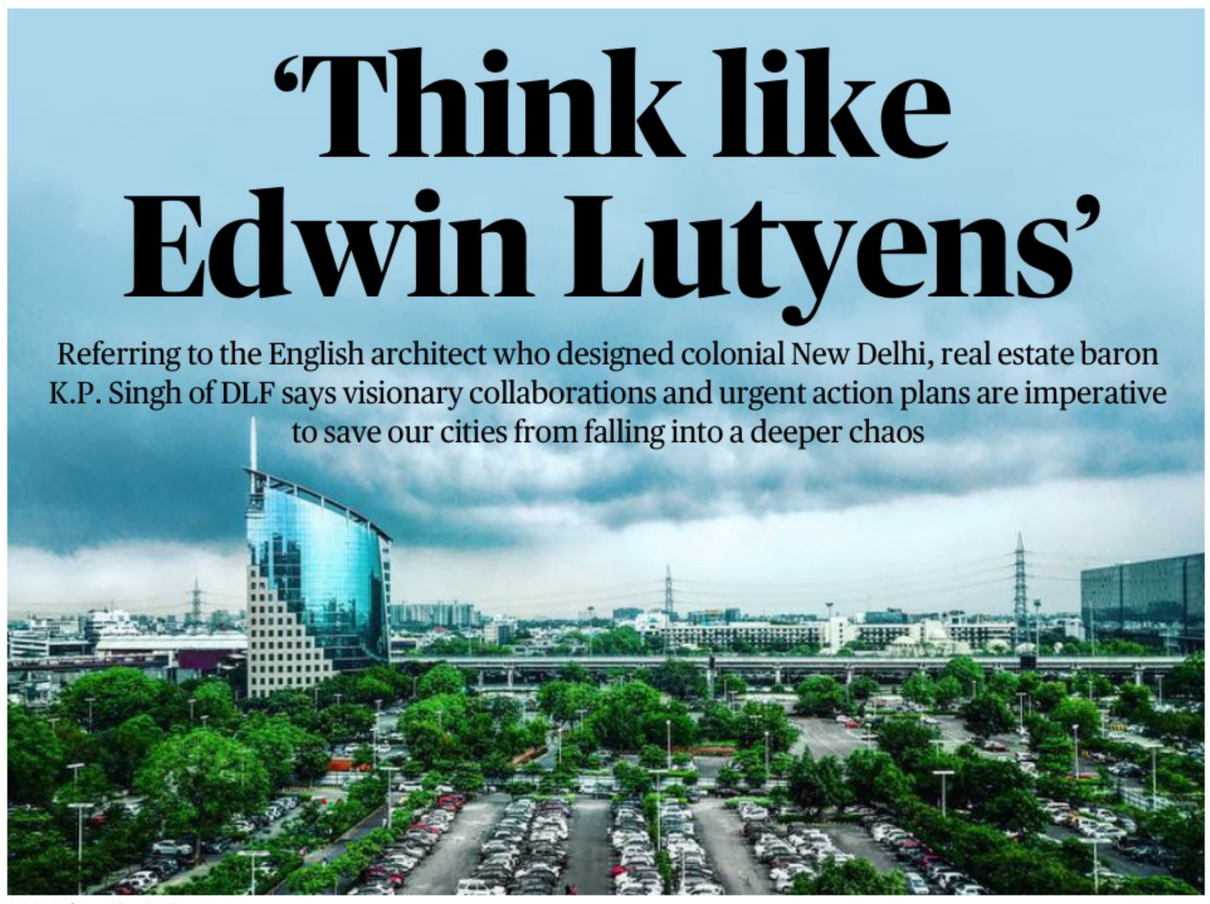
'Think like Edwin Lutyens'

Referring to the English architect who designed colonial New Delhi, real estate baron K.P. Singh of DLF says visionary collaborations and urgent action plans are imperative to save our cities from falling into a deeper chaos

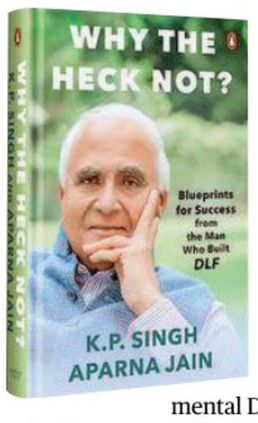


DLF Cyber City in Gurugram. GETTY IMAGES/ISTOCK

INTERVIEW

Soma Basu

The distance between DLF Golf and Country Club, Gurugram, and West End Greens, a posh locality in South Delhi is 17 km and roughly takes 33 minutes on the Delhi-Gurugram Expressway. But during a recent trip, when property baron K.P. Singh was caught in the labyrinthine traffic en route, the interminable delay on the four-lane highway gnawed at him. For, this was not quite how the man from Bulandshahr, who transformed erstwhile Gurgaon into the millennium city it is today, had envisioned it.



"It was meant to be a sprawling green organised metropolis and a blueprint for the future. Not just bricks and concrete. There's been myopic thinking; our cities are crumbling under their own weight," said the developer, who saw Gurgaon's potential as a world class city three decades ago and scripted DLF's success.

During a chat at his Aurangzeb Road residence in Delhi recently, Singh, 93, minced no words to express his frustration at the high-tech city besieged by drainage problems, flooding, traffic congestion, pollution and water shortage that collectively affected the quality of life.

Book of challenges

Singh believes in living his life unapologetically. Known for taking prudent risks, in his book he pens down the challenges he navigated to transform DLF into a real estate giant. The book highlights his leadership skills and resilience in achieving success.

"Urban planning has to be done 100 years in advance with the town planners' understanding of what citizens will require and want in future. The planning process is dictated by the people; cities should be able to stand up to scrutiny even decades later," he said, citing the development of DLF Phase 5 in Gurugram, the first in India accredited with LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) platinum certification, as an example of sustainable, dynamic and responsible living.

But inside and outside the super luxury homes are two different worlds.

"The local master plan should be a legacy addressing critical imperatives that make cities robust enough to weather the storms of rapid urban evolution," Singh asserted. Gurugram witnessed a wild building boom without a comprehensive master plan for the city's development. While developers built the infrastructure inside their projects, the Haryana Urban Development Authority failed to match the unstoppable growth.

Singh changed the country's landscape over the last three decades but the lack of a well-functioning citywide infrastructure reduced Gurugram to a city of pitfalls that now evokes discussions on how not to build a city.

"There is a need for a massive overhaul of government policies with trickle-down prosperity at the core.

"Private sector experts, planners with foresightedness and environmentalists should innovatively collaborate and think like Edwin Lutyens who planned New Delhi a century ago," said Singh, who mostly spends his time overseas and was in the Capital to release his book *Why the Heck Not*, co-authored with Aparna Jain and published by Penguin Random House.

K.P. Singh at his residence in New Delhi. SUSHIL KUMAR VERMA

As Singh acknowledged that Gurugram remains a work in progress, his book talks about how he navigated policy and political challenges to redefine the language and business of real estate.

Much like his father-in-law, Chaudhary Raghavendra Singh, who established Delhi Land and Finance (DLF) in 1946 and transformed urban housing in the capital city anticipating the influx of migrants and a surge in demand for housing post-Independence, Singh also conceived turning the barren land in Haryana into thriving communities interspersed with green spaces where people could live with contentment.

Upgrades for space

Once a colony is built and equipped with roads, sewage, electricity and drainage, major upgrades for more space become impossible without pulling down the buildings.

"Urban development planning is impacted when the government is short-sighted about managing the evolving urban demand," Singh said.

In 1976, when the government brought in the ULCRA (Urban Land Ceiling and Regulation Act) to promote low-income housing and set limits in urban vacant land ownership, it pushed back private builders (like DLF).

The law aimed at equitable land distribution received flak from citizens who had already invested in the urban land. Singh took over a dormant DLF to fight to secure exemptions for those who had invested in their plots and at the same time began studying the city's limitations and mentally charting its growth till he found the Old-Gurgaon Road connecting the southern periphery of Delhi to Haryana, one of the few States that had not legislated the Urban Ceiling Act.

Navigating policies

It marked a turning point because old Gurgaon was like an economic wasteland and there were hardly any takers. DLF took advantage of relaxed land acquisition laws and Singh envisioned resurrecting the company with the 30 acres it held there and subsequently went on a spree of acquiring land from patriarchal landowners and farmers in the region.

"I took some prudent risks, navigated policy and political challenges, created surplus and larger spaces in tune with emerging needs of the future," said Singh who led DLF's growth as a real estate giant and shaped the city's growth trajectory focusing on building a self-sustained modern city with state-of-the-art residential complexes, commercial and recreational spaces.

Not many know that Singh, as international advisory board of multinational company General Electric, played an instrumental role in bringing GE to India by convincing its then CEO Jack Welch and business tycoons for further investments.

Large BPO operations spurred development making Gurugram home to numerous Fortune 500 companies. Today, the cyber city contributes to 60% of Haryana's tax revenue.

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Tender Inquiry No. 05/2024-25/PWMDI **Dated:29.11.2024**

Dy. Chief Engineer/PWs & MDI Circle, PSPCL, Shed E-4, Shakti Vihar, Patiala, invites e- tender for the work of Manufacturing, stacking, curing and testing of 52400 no. 9m long PCC poles & 2560 no. 11m long PCC poles as per PSPCL specifications at Pilot Workshop, Sri Muktsar Sahib. For detailed NIT & tender specification, please refer to https://eproc.punjab.gov.in from 02.12.2024 from 02:00 PM onwards.

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SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

Tender Notice No: 27/MYS/2024
Dated: 22.11.2024

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, Invites E-Tenders for the following works:

Sl.No.	Name of work	Approx. Value
1	**Hole Narsipura - Arasikere: Sub Work-I:** (SL) TRR (P) from Km.118/400-119/700, 126/550-127/700, 142/850-143/375, 147/850-148/450, 149/150-149/575, 149/825-150/475, 150/925-151/470, 153/425-154/050, 155/193-155/360, 156/910-157/475 for a length of 6.552 Km. **Sub Work-II: (a)** Birur Jn. - Shivamogga Town (Loop Lines) - ISD - 7.000 Tkm (Sivapur Rd - 1, Tarikere Rd - 2&3, Masarahalli Rd - 1&3, Bhadravati Rd - 2&3, Shivamogga Town Rd - 4&5). **Sub Work-II: (b)** Hole Narsipur - Arsikere Jn. (Loop Lines) - ISD - 7.300 Tkm (Hole Narsipur Rd - 1, Mavinkere Rd - 1, Hassan Rd - 1, 3, 4, 5 & 6, Bageshapura Rd-1&3). **Sub Work-III: Sampige Road - Birur Jn. Section:** Standardization of sand hump - 10 nos (Devanur, Banavar, Ballekere Halt, Honnavalli Road yards).	Rs. 2,74,23,721/-
2	**Kadur - Chikkamagaluru section: Sub Work-I:** Standardization of sand hump -12 nos (Sakharayapattana, BSLH, Kanivehalli, Chikkamagaluru stations) (a) Standardization of sand hump (b) Retaining wall Portion. **Sub Work-II: Asst. Divisional Engineer / Shivamogga Town Sub Division:** Fixing of land boundary stones using unserviceable PSC sleepers in Birur Jn. - Talaguppa & Kadur - Chikkamagaluru sections.	Rs. 1,69,51,451/-
3	**Asst. Divisional Engineer / Sakleshpur: Sub Work-I:** Safety works of Track during Pre-monsoon & During monsoon felling of trees, Strengthening of Pway and safety provisions in Hassan - Sakleshpur and Subrahmanya Road - Padil. **Sub Work-II: Asst. Divisional Engineer / Sakleshpur:** Safety works of Track during Pre-monsoon & During monsoon felling of trees, Strengthening of Pway and safety provisions in Sakleshpur - Subrahmanya Road Ghat section.	Rs. 2,47,02,868/-
4	**Mysuru Jn. - Yeliyur & Mysuru Jn - Chamarajanagar:** Conversion of SWP to LWR-7.292 Tkm (Ashokapuram Rd - 1, 3, Kadakola Rd - 1, 3, Byadarahalli Rd. - 1, 4, Pandavapura Rd - 1, 4, Naganahalli Rd-4)	Rs. 88,15,901/-

Last date for submission of bids:
Upto 11:00 Hrs. on 16.12.2024
For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in
Senior Divisional Engineer/Co-ordination Mysuru
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IN THE COURT OF XV ADDITIONAL CHIEF METROPOLITIAN MAGISTRATE AT BANGALORE. SCCH-19

C.C. No. 51675/ 2014

BETWEEN:
WIPRO ENTERPRISES PRIVATE LIMITED
A Company under the Companies Act, 1956, Registered office: C Block, CCLG Division, Doddakannelli, Sarjapura Road, Bangalore – 560035
..... Complainant

AND:
1. Aditya Auto Engineering Private Limited No.192/1, MunireddyIndl Estate, Near Gokuldas III Phase, Hosur Main Road, Bangalore -560099
2. Mr. Gopal Reddy Bhadrareddy Director, Aditya Auto Engineering Private Limited No.192/1, MunireddyIndl Estate, Near Gokuldas III Phase, Hosur Main Road, Bangalore -560099
3. Mr. Velmurugan SathappadyPeriyasamy, Director, Aditya Auto Engineering Private Limited No.192/1, MunireddyIndl Estate, Near Gokuldas III Phase, Hosur Main Road, Bangalore -560099
..... Accused

Proclamation requiring the appearance of accused persons

Whereas complaint has been made before this Hon'ble court that the accused No. 1, 2 and 3 has committed the offence punishable under section 200 of CRPC read with section 138 of the NI Act for Cheque bounce, and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest of accused 2 and 3, thereupon issued that the said accused 2 and 3 cannot be found, and whereas it has been shown to satisfaction that the said accused 2 and 3 has absconded.

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused 2– Mr. Gopal Reddy Bhadrareddy and 3- Mr. Velmurugan SathappadyPeriyasamy is required to appear before the SCCH-19 Hon'bl XVAdditional Chief Metropolitan at Bengaluru to answer the complaint on the 30th day of December.

Given under my hand and seal of the court 22.11.2024.

By order of the court
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CHENNAI METROPOLITAN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,
CIRCLE-I, CONSTRUCTION WING, FIRST FLOOR, KOYAMBEDU, CHENNAI - 600 107
E- TENDER NOTICE Dated : 29.11.2024

E-tenders are invited from the Government registered and experienced contractors by the Superintending Engineer, Circle-I, Construction Wing, CMDA, Koyambedu, Chennai – 107, under Two cover system for the following work:

Sl. No.	Name of Work
1.	Construction of Community Hall @ Konnur High Road, Thiru.Vi.Ka. Nagar, Chennai
2.	Construction of Community Hall @ Central Avenue, Perambur, Chennai
3.	Construction of Citizen Service Center @ Kolathur, Chennai

E-tender Notice No.	:	14/2024-25 dated 29.11.2024.
Last date & Time of receipt of tender through online	:	06.01.2025 at 3.00 P.M.
Downloading the tender document by Free of Cost	:	From 06.12.2024 to 06.01.2025 upto 3.00 pm
For further details visit website	:	**http://tntenders.gov.in**

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SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER-I, (FAC)
Circle-I, CW, CMDA, Ch - 107.

GULBARGA ELECTRICITY SUPPLY COMPANY LIMITED

(A Government of Karnataka Enterprise)
Corporate Office, GESCOM, Kalaburagi, Pin Code.585 102. Phone : 08472 256881
CIN: U04010KA2002SGC030436, E-mail : **gescom.seprojects@gmail.com**

No.GESCOM/CEE(O)/SEE(Proj)/EEE/AEE/AE-3/2024-25/44493-501 Date: 28-11-2024

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal only)

Gulbarga Electricity Supply Company Limited, Kalaburagi invites tender for the work of "**Creation of Electrical infrastructure by extension of LT lines & shifting of HT/LT lines in hazardous locations in O&M Sub-division kurugodu (Kampli legislative constituency) of Ballari division on TTK basis"** bidding from eligible bidders through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal on Percentage Basis.

1) Tender Enquiry Nos. : **No:GESCOM/CEE(O)/SEE(Proj)/EEE/AEE/AE-3/2024-25/ KAMPLI/ TTK/465,** 2) Appx. Amt. **(in Crs): 1.85**, 3) Name of Company : **GESCOM**

The bid documents will be available in **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **04.12.2024,** the prospective bidders can obtain further details from the office of the undersigned.

DIPR/Kalaburagi/666/KSMC&A/2024-25

Sd/- Chief Engineer Electy., (Operations),
Corporate Office, GESCOM, Kalaburagi.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY

(TIRUCHCHIRAPPALLI DIVISION)
E-Tender Notice No. T-SG-36-I-29-32-2024-2025 Dt: 27.11.2024

Sr. Divisional Signal & Telecommunication Engineer, Southern Railway, Tiruchchirappalli invites online tender on behalf of The President of India, for the following works up to 14:00 hrs on 20.12.2024.

Item No.	Tender Notice No.	Name of the work
1	T-SG-36-I-29-2024-2025	TPJ Division - VM Junction - Upgradation of Quick watering arrangement system as per CAMTECH standard at VM station.
2	T-SG-36-I-30-2024-2025	Railnet Connectivity and CCTV Surveillance at CBT exam hall in DTTC/GOC
3	T-SG-36-I-31-2024-2025	Annual Zonal Contract for S&T gears under their jurisdiction of ADSTE/Villupuram for the zonal year 2024-2025.
4	T-SG-36-I-32-2024-2025	Painting and other Residual S&T works over TPJ Division.

Item No.	Advertised Value	Earnest Money Deposit Amt	Validity Offer	Closing Date and Time	Period of Completion in months
1	Rs. 20.35 Lakhs	Rs. 40,700/-	60 Days	20.12.2024 @ 14:00 Hrs.	3 Months
2	Rs. 14.34 Lakhs	Rs. 28,700/-	60 Days	20.12.2024 @ 14:00 Hrs.	3 Months
3	Rs. 20.00 Lakhs	Rs. 40,000/-	60 Days	20.12.2024 @ 14:00 Hrs.	Seven Months (To be completed within 30th June 2025
4	Rs. 66.25 Lakhs	Rs. 1,32,500/-	60 Days	20.12.2024 @ 14:00 Hrs.	4 Months

If the date of opening of tenders happens to be a declared holiday at a later date, the tenders will be opened on the next working day at the stipulated time.

The detailed Tender Notice, Tender document along with terms & conditions and if any corrigendum to tender is issued can be accessed through https://www.ireps.gov.in/

GST will apply as per extent norms of GOI

Sr. Divisional Signal & Telecommunication Engineer,
DRM Office Complex, Tiruchchirappalli - 620001

कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमंडल, गिरिडीह

ई– अति अल्पकालीन निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना

ई– अति अल्पकालीन निविदा सूचना सं०–RDD/SD/GIRIDIH/25/2024-25

1. कार्य की विस्तृत विवरणीः

क्र० सं०	कार्य का नाम	प्राक्कलित राशि	अग्रधन की राशि	परिमाण विपत्र का मूल्य	कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधि
1	गिरिडीह जिला के प्रखण्ड बगोदर के कुदर पंचायत के ग्राम बिंद पैनघटवा में पुल निर्माण।(पुल की लंबाई–101.44 मीटर)	42045800.00	841000.00	10000.00	18 माह
2	गिरिडीह जिला के प्रखण्ड जमुआ के बहुरियाडीह और गरडीह के बीच सपाही नदी पर पुल का निर्माण। (पुल की लंबाई–25.36 मीटर)	22964415.00	460000.00	10000.00	15 माह

2. वेबसाइट में निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि – 30.11.2024
3. ई–निविदा प्राप्ति की तिथि एवं समय – दिनांक 30.11.2024 से दिनांक 06.12.2024 को अपराह्न 05:00 बजे तक।
4. निविदा खोलने का स्थान – कार्यपालक अभियंता, ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमंडल, गिरिडीह।
5. निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय –07.12.2024 अपराह्न 05:30 बजे।
6. निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले पदाधिकारी का नाम एवं पता :– कार्यपालक अभियंता, ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमंडल, गिरिडीह।
7. ई–निविदा प्रकोष्ठ का दूरभाष सं० – 9431323435 (संबंधित कार्यपालक अभियंता का दूरभाष नम्बर)।
8. परिमाण विपत्र की राशि घट–बढ़ सकती है तदनुसार अग्रधन की राशि देय होगी।
9. निविदा शुल्क एवं अग्रधन की राशि केवल Online Mode द्वारा स्वीकार्य होगी।
10. निविदा शुल्क एवं अग्रधन की राशि का ई–भुगतान जिस खाता से किया जायेगा, उसी खाते में अग्रधन की राशि वापस होगी। अगर खाता को बंद कर दिया जाता है तो उसकी सारी जवाबदेही आपकी होगी।

विस्तृत जानकारी के लिये वेबसाईट www.jharkhandtenders.gov.in एवं कार्यालय की सूचना पट्ट देखा जा सकता है।

PR.NO.340794 Rural Work Department(24-25):D

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PUBLIC NOTICE

30th November 2024

Our client is desirous to develop all that piece and parcel of conjoint lands situated at Bandikodigehalli Village, Jala Hobli, Yelahanka Taluk, Bangalore Urban District, measuring about 12 Acres 35 Guntas, which are more fully set out in the Item No.1 to 7 of Schedule below and hereinafter referred to as **"Schedule Property"** from its present owner Jagadeesh N. son of late Narayanaswamy **("Owner").**

Any person or persons asserting any right, title, interest or period, in the Schedule Property or any part thereof, in any manner whatsoever or having any claim against the Schedule Property or the documents thereof or against the Owners or objecting to such transaction with our client, should write to the undersigned within **fifteen days** (15 days) from the date of issuance of this notice with all documentary proof on which they are basing and asserting their rights with regard to Schedule Property or any part thereof, after which period our client shall proceed on the basis that there are no claims of whatsoever nature with regard to the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE

Item Nos.	Sy. No.	Actual Extent (excluding kharab) A	G	East	West	North	South
1	49	1	39	Survey No.48	Halla and Survey No.65	Survey No.50	Survey No.66
2	50	04	22	Survey No.48 & Pathway	Halla & there after Survey No.64	Survey No.51& Pathway	Survey No.49
3	64/1	1	14	Halla & Survey No. 50	Survey No. 63	Survey No. 64/5 & 64/6	Survey No. 64/2 & 64/3
4	64/2	00	29	Survey No. 64/3	Survey No. 62	Survey No. 63 & 64/1	Survey No. 64/4
5	64/3	00	32	Survey No. 50 & Halla	Survey No.64/2	Survey No. 64/1	Survey No. 64/4
6	64/4	01	19	Survey No. 50 & Halla	Survey No. 62	Survey No. 64/2 & 64/3	Survey No. 65
7	64/5	02	00	Survey No.64/6	Kaluve/ Channel and Road	Survey No.53/1	Survey No. 63 and 64/1
Total		12	35				

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CM urges PM to restore NABARD lending to State

State's short-term farm credit limit has been slashed by 58%; Siddaramaiah seeks clearances for Mekedatu, Kalasa-Banduri projects, funds for Upper Bhadra Project and urban infrastructure

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

As the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has severely cut the short-term agricultural credit limit to Karnataka, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah called on Prime Minister Narendra Modi in the national capital on Friday and sought his direction to the Union Finance Ministry to restore the credit limit to the State by NABARD in the current fiscal year (2024-25).

The Chief Minister placed six demands before Mr. Modi and sought additional funding for Karnataka to address growing infrastructure needs in Bengaluru and other cities.

In a memorandum to Mr. Modi, Mr. Siddaramaiah said NABARD has created a "serious alarm" among the farmers of the State by reducing its lending by 58% in 2024-25, from ₹5,600 crore during 2023-24 to ₹2,340 crore for 2024-25.

The reduced lending "will seriously impact the cost of finance for farmers, unless the State steps in to provide additional interest subvention which will severely impact our finance", the Chief Minister said. Earlier, Mr. Siddaramaiah had met Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on the same issue and apprised her of the State's concerns.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, accompanied by his deputy D.K. Shivakumar, called on Prime Minister Narendra Modi in New Delhi on Friday.

For Upper Bhadra

Mr. Siddaramaiah requested Mr. Modi to provide ₹5,300 crore for the Upper Bhadra Project which was promised by the Finance Minister in the Union Budget of 2023-24. The Chief Minister said the project provides irrigation to the parched farmland of central Karnataka.

The Chief Minister appealed to Mr. Modi to provide early clearances by the Jal Shakti Ministry and the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change for two projects – Mekedatu Balancing Reservoir on the Cauvery and the Kalasa-Banduri project.

Mr. Siddaramaiah flagged the growing infrastructural needs of Bengaluru and requested the Prime Minister to direct the Ministry of Urban Development, the Ministry of Railways and the Ministry of Road Transport to provide funds to the State government to invest in urban transport and public transport for the city.

"Karnataka is fast urbanising and we have 13 city corporations in tier-2 cities that need massive investments," the Chief Minister said, requesting the Ministry of Urban Development to provide ₹10,000 crore for these cities under AMRUT or any other scheme.

Nagar Vikas Yojana

Karnataka has set aside ₹2,000 crore under the Mahatma Gandhi Nagar Vikas Yojana for the next three years. "However, this is woefully inadequate to meet the infrastructural needs of these cities," he said and demanded funding from the Centre.

'A raw deal'

The Chief Minister also raised the issue of Karnataka receiving a raw deal at the hands of the 15th Finance Commission. He demanded ₹5,495 crore to compensate for the reduction in the State's share as per the recommendations made by the 15th Finance Commission and special grant of ₹6,000 crore for the Peripheral Ring Road project and for the rejuvenation of waterbodies.

Mr. Siddaramaiah said the Ministry of Finance must take note of the States contributing a larger share to the Central taxes and such States should not be punished by severe cut in the share of those Central taxes in the 16th Finance Commission.

Meets Priyanka, Rahul

Mr. Siddaramaiah also called on Priyanka Gandhi Vadra and congratulated her for her victory in the byelection to the Lok Sabha from Wayanad in Kerala. The Chief Minister also met Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi and held talks.

Congress to hold mega convention in JD(S) fortress Hassan on Dec. 5

Nagesh Prabhu
BENGALURU

Party high command is said to have given the green signal for 'Swabhimani Samavesha' as it will be aimed at building the party and not any individual

Buoyed by the Congress's victory in byelections to three Legislative Assembly seats, the party has now decided to hold a mega convention on December 5 in Hassan, a fortress of its arch rival Janata Dal (Secular).

Ahead of the winter session of the legislature in Belagavi, which is likely to be stormy, the party's backward class leaders have decided to hold the convention in a move to rebuild the image of the government led by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah.

Show of strength

The convention will be largely seen as a show of strength by the Chief Minister, seen as a champion of the backward classes and the poor by implementing the guarantee schemes, despite opposition by some legislators of his own party.

Mr. Siddaramaiah who called on Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi and AICC president M. Mallikarjun Kharge in New Delhi on Friday, informed them about holding 'Swabhimana Samavesha' under the party's banner. The party high command has reportedly given the green signal for the event since it would aimed at building the party and not any individual.

It is believed that the Chief Minister has convinced the necessity of holding the convention in the JD(S) bastion to regain the party's strength, galvanise the cadre, and mobilise people belonging to the minority, backward classes, and Dalit communities ahead of taluk/zilla panchayat elections. The Congress snatched the Hassan Lok Sabha seat from the JD(S) in the 2024 election after two decades.

Timing of convention

The convention is expected to provide a platform for Mr. Siddaramaiah to hit out at his opponents when he is facing charges of corruption in the site allotment by the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA). The government has also faced embarrassment recently by issues related to the alleged withdrawal of BPL cards and alleged corruption in the Excise Department. The Opposition BJP has launched a campaign against the government for allegedly issuing notices to farmers in some districts claiming that their land belongs to the waqf board.

Mr. Shivakumar, Home Minister G. Parameshwara, Social Welfare Minister H.C. Mahadevappa said the Chief Minister had informed them about the event. When asked about a section of the party leaders allegedly writing to the high command opposing the event, Yathindra S., MLC and son of the Chief Minister, termed it a "fake letter". He said the party would fully back the event. Former Social Welfare Minister H. Anjaneya said the AICC chief too would attend the programme. All Ministers, legislators, and presidents of the party at various levels would be invited for the convention, sources said.

Earlier plans

In August, loyalists of the Chief Minister had planned to hold the mega event in Hubballi, but it was not held as charges of the MUDA 'scam' surfaced. Political observers see the upcoming convention as largely aimed at strengthening the position of the Chief Minister and sending a message to the party's high command about his popularity amid speculation about a mid-term rejig in the government.

In August 2022, loyalists of the Chief Minister held a major function in Davangere to mark the 75th birthday of Mr. Siddaramaiah.

Muzrai Dept. head office to feature Hoysala style of architecture

Darshan Devaiah B.P.
BENGALURU

Since Independence, the Muzrai Department, which oversees 34,564 temples across Karnataka, has been operating out of rented premises. However, it is now set to have its own dedicated head office named 'Dharmika Soudha', to be built in Bengaluru at a cost of ₹10 crore, featuring the iconic Hoysala architectural style.

An artist's impression of 'Dharmika Soudha', the head office of the Muzrai Department to be built in Bengaluru.

On 20 guntas of land

The multistorey complex will serve as a one-stop solution for all Muzrai Department-related activities and will be located on 26 guntas of land owned by the department. The site is situated behind the Ramanjaneya Swamy Temple opposite the MS Building in Bengaluru. Out of the total area, 6 guntas are occupied by the temple, while the remaining 20 guntas will be utilised for the construction of Dharmika Soudha.

Speaking to *The Hindu*, Mr. Reddy said, "The current office of the Religious Endowments Department is located opposite Minto Hospital, where we pay a monthly rent of approximately ₹11 lakh. Since its inception after Independence, the department has not had its own building despite owning hundreds of acres of temple land in Bengaluru and across Karnataka. This prompted the decision to construct Dharmika Soudha. Construction will begin within a month, and the Public Works Department will oversee the project."

Features of the building

Dharmika Soudha will be a four-storey building and include features such as dedicated parking facilities, a court hall, the office of the Commissioner, Survey Department, HQ and QA offices, IT and Engineering sections, a meeting hall, an open office hall, a digital library, a records room, and an auditorium.

In addition to constructing the Dharmika Soudha, the department will also upgrade the nearby Ramanjaneya Swamy Temple. Plans include the construction of two double-bedroom houses for the temple's priests, as well as renovating the *yaga shala* and kitchen in front of the temple. These temple-related expenses will be covered by the Muzrai Department.

The decision to construct the building was recently finalised during a Religious Endowments Council meeting chaired by Mr. Reddy, with the project blueprints already prepared.

The Muzrai Department has reported increased revenue and footfall in the past year. In FY 2023-24, the department saw a 5% rise in revenue, collecting ₹744.29 crore as against ₹708.86 crore in FY 2022-23. Additionally, 1,93,62,851 devotees visited the temples in 2023, marking a 3.7% increase in footfall.

'Maternal deaths in Ballari hospital due to use of substandard ringer lactate solution'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Health Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao on Friday attributed the recent maternal deaths in Ballari district hospital to the use of substandard ringer lactate solution, an intravenous (IV) fluid that doctors commonly use to restore hydration and fluid balance in the body.

A sudden spurt in maternal deaths was reported from Ballari district hospital from November 9 to November 11. The deaths were reported to have occurred following caesarean section conducted on these three days at the maternity operation theatre in the hospital.

Out of the 34 caesarean operations conducted during these three days, seven women developed complications such as acute kidney injury, requiring haemodialysis, and multi-organ dysfunction, the Minister said.

Dinesh Gundu Rao

Four deaths

"Of the seven, four women died, including one death on November 26. A confidential review of the deaths by a team of specialists constituted by the Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences has revealed that there is no negligence or dereliction of duty by the doctors at the hospital. The report said that all protocols and patient care guidelines have been followed," he said.

Two of the remaining three women have been discharged from the hospital and one patient is recovering at VIMS Ballari.

The Minister said the onset of complications following caesarean operations is being suspected to the ringer lactate solution supplied by Paschim Banga Pharmaceutical Ltd. to Karnataka State Medical Supplies Corporation Ltd. (KSMSCL).

"Earlier, all 192 batches supplied by the said company were temporarily frozen by the KSMSCL, even though only two batches (03BF2258 and 036BF2255) were declared not of standard quality on March 18 this year by the Drugs Control Department. Later, following the certificate of standard quality by the Central Drug Laboratories, the usage of ringer lactate of 84 batches was permitted by the KSMSCL on August 13," he explained.

"Currently, ringer lactate solution batch 26.2.9 has been withdrawn from usage at all levels of healthcare across the State by the KSMSCL and the ringer lactate fluids supplied to Ballari district hospital have been sent for testing," he said.

OBITUARY & REMEMBRANCE

DEATH

Sr. SIVARAMAKRISHNAN
(Retd. Chief of Spare Parts K.G.F, Beml)
01-03-1932 14-11-2024
Passed away on 14-11-2024 at Chennai.
We miss you every movement in our life, your presence continues to surround us in our hearts you are always there.
Family Members,
Venkateswaran R - Brother
Dr. Pavithra V - Nephew
Raghavendra V - Nephew
Nirmala N - Sister-in-Law
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Department of Health & Family Welfare
KARNATAKA STATE AIDS PREVENTION SOCIETY
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No: KSAPS/PRC/13/2024-25 Date:28.11.2024
Invitation For Tender (Two Cover) Through e-Procurement
Tenders (Two Cover) are invited for supply of Routine Lab. Consumables to ICTC Centers under E-Procurement System. Details are available at e-procurement under website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** Last date for submission of tender on **20.12.2024 at 5:30pm.**
Sd/- Project Director
DIPR/CP/JA/3487/2024-25 Karnataka State Aids Prevention Society.

Government of Karnataka
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
Panchayathraj Engineering Division, Ramanagara
Tender Notification No. 23/EE/PRED/RMG/JE/2024-25/1019-1028 Date : 27-11-2024
(Only through E-PROCUREMENT system)
The Executive Engineer, Panchayathraj Engineering Division, Ramanagara, invites the Itemwise tender. Contractors registered in KPWD, enrolled in PRED/PWD Licence for the works under different Head of Account, tender Minimum amount Rs. 3.00/- lakh Maximum amount Rs. 100.00/- lakh, tender Last Date for submission of Tender Dated : 05-12-2024 by 4.00 PM, Opening of the Tender Dated : 06-12-2024 at 4.30 PM, Opening of the financial Tender Dated : 09-12-2024 at 4.30 PM on wards (KW-III, KG-II). For details & further information visit the website **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in** Or contact this office in office hours.
Sd/- Executive Engineer
P.R.E. Division, Ramanagara

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer (Elect.), Rajarajeshwarinagara Zone, 3rd Stage, BEML Complex, Rajarajeshwarinagara, Bengaluru - 560098.
No: BBMP/EE/ELE/RRN/TEND/04/2024-25 Date: 29-11-2024
INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT) - (SHORT TERM)
(Single Cover System) (Through GOK KPP Portal only)
The Executive Engineer (Elect), RR Nagara Zone, BBMP, invites Tenders in accordance with Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Rules 2000, from eligible Contractors registered in BBMP / KPWD / CPWD / Railway / MES / National Highway or any Other equivalent Central / State Government Organizations for the Electrical Works as detailed below.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work
1	Operation and Maintenance of Street Lighting System in Ward No. 34 **(Package R10)** J.P. Park of Rajarajeshwari Nagar Zone. **(CALL-2) - Approximated Amount of Work (Rs. in Lakhs): 33.88, EMD Amount (in Rs.): 67,760.00**
2	Operation and Maintenance of Street Lighting System in Ward No. 35 **(Package R11)** of Rajarajeshwari Nagar Zone. **(CALL-2) - Approximated Amount of Work (Rs. in Lakhs): 27.06, EMD Amount (in Rs.): 54,120.00**
3	Operation and Maintenance of Street Lighting System in Ward No. 36 **(Package R12)** of Rajarajeshwari Nagar Zone. **(CALL-2) - Approximated Amount of Work (Rs. in Lakhs): 28.78, EMD Amount (in Rs.): 57,560.00**
4	Operation and Maintenance of Street Lighting System in Ward No. 37 **(Package R13)** Peenya of Rajarajeshwari Nagar Zone. **(CALL-2) - Approximated Amount of Work (Rs. in Lakhs): 33.04, EMD Amount (in Rs.): 66,080.00**

Calendar of Events: 1) The tender documents may be downloaded from the GOK Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in from 29-11-2024. 2)** Tenders must be Submitted online through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal **on or before 16.00 Hours on 09-12-2024. 3)** Date of Opening of Technical Bid: **10-12-2024 at 16.30 Hours.** Further details can be had from the above office.
Sd/- Executive Engineer (Elect.), Rajarajeshwarinagar Zone, BBMP.

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of Deputy Conservator of Forests, BBMP Head Office, Ground Floor, Annex-3 Building, N.R. Square, Bangalore-02
No.DCF/Tender/PR/11/2024-25 Date:29.11.2024
SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through GOK KPP Portal only)
Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike invites Single Cover Tender for Tree Census in BBMP area from eligible bidders for the following:

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Value of the Work (in Rs.)	EMD (in Rs.)
1	Tree Census in BBMP limit Area of Interest-1, 99.50 SqKm, 2,60,000 Trees	46,80,000/-	93,600
2	Tree Census in BBMP limit Area of Interest-2, 105.72 SqKm 2,60,000 Trees	46,80,000/-	93,600
3	Tree Census in BBMP limit Area of Interest-5, 98.66 Sqkm 2,60,000 Trees	46,80,000/-	93,600
Time Schedule			
1	Date of Commencement of Download of Document from e-Procurement website https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in	**From 02.12.2024 onwards**	
2	Last Date and Time for uploading Online Queries in e-Procurement.	**05.12.2024 upto 5:00 PM**	
3	Date and Time of Pre-bid Meeting	**05.12.2024 at 04:30 PM at above Office Address.**	
4	Last Date and Time for uploading of tenders in e-Procurement portal.	**10.12.2024 upto 5:30 PM**	
5	Date and Time of Online Opening of tender	**11.12.2024, 5:30 PM**	

Tender Processing fee and EMD should be paid in e-procurement **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** portal only by using any of e-payment modes. For other Terms & Conditions visit Website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** OR contact the office of the under signed.
Sd/-
Deputy Conservator of Forest, BBMP.

High Court sets aside NGT order in Ulsoor lake pollution case

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka has set aside the order of the National Green Tribunal (NGT), which in May 2022, had imposed a penalty of ₹2.94 crore *ex parte* on Bengaluru-based Madras Engineers Group & Centre (MEG&C), a training facility centre of the Indian Army, for allegedly polluting Ulsoor lake in the city.

The court said the NGT had failed to follow the law of principles of natural justice as no opportunity of hearing was given to the MEG & C, which was not a party in the proceedings on the issue of pollution of Ulsoor lake that was taken up *suo motu* by the NGT based on a newspaper report, titled "Ulsoor lake turns into fish graveyard" published in the *The Hindu* on March 8, 2016.

Petition allowed

A Division Bench, comprising Chief Justice N.V. Anjaria and Justice K.V. Aravind, passed the order while partly allowing a petition jointly filed by the Ministry of Defence, MEG & Centre and Garrison Engineer (North), which provides accommodation complexes for MEG & C.

The court remitted the matter back to NGT. South Zone, Chennai, to reconsider the matter afresh on its finding that MEG & C too had contributed to pollution of lake along with a slaughter houses, and the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) and imposition of penalty in the form of environmental compensation. Now, the NGT will have to hear the MEG and Centre and pass a fresh order on the issue.

₹1 crore deposit

Meanwhile, the court asked the MEG & C to deposit ₹1 crore with Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB), subject to the outcome of the fresh consideration before the NGT.

It was contended by the MEG &C that the BWSSB had diverted sewage from various civil areas into storm-water drain flowing through MEG & C and complaints were made to the BWSSB to stop the flow of sewage which was becoming health hazard to the soldiers and other residents in the Centre.

Sewage treatment plant

On the finding of NGT that a sewage treatment plant was set up by MEG & C without consent from the KSPCB, it was claimed that nowhere it is stated that Army establishments/ stations in Karnataka need to take prior consent before operationalising the STPs.

The MEG & C had also contended that water samples were collected from the entry point of the storm-water drain to ascertain the pollution, and it was the BWSSB and others were the main polluters and the MEG & C cannot be pinned with the fault.

NMC notice to 20 medical colleges in Karnataka

According to the Supreme Court order, it is mandatory for all medical colleges to submit details of the stipend given every month to the National Medical Commission

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The National Medical Commission (NMC) has issued show cause notices to 10 government and 10 private medical colleges in Karnataka, which have not submitted the details of the stipend paid to medical graduate (UG) interns, postgraduate (PG) residents, and senior residents or PGs in the super speciality.

As per the NMC rules, private medical colleges should provide a stipend on a par with that of government medical colleges. FILE PHOTO

The NMC has questioned why appropriate action should not be taken against colleges that have failed to submit the details of the stipend paid. As per the Supreme Court order, it is mandatory for all medical colleges to submit details of the stipend amount given every month to the NMC.

In this context, the NMC had ordered colleges on April 1, 2024, to submit the stipend details for the year 2024-25 by the fifth of every month. However, 20 colleges in Karnataka have not submitted details so far.

Currently, Karnataka is providing a stipend of ₹28,889 per month to undergraduate medical interns, ₹56,250 to first-year postgraduate medical students, ₹62,500 to second-year students and ₹68,750 to third-year students. Super speciality medical students are paid ₹55,000 in the first year, ₹60,000 in the second year, and ₹65,000 in the third year. Senior residents are paid ₹60,000. As per NMC rules, private medical colleges should provide a stipend on a par with that of government medical colleges.

"It is observed that the requisite data is still to be furnished by many colleges. The failure of these medical colleges in submitting the information regarding payment of the stipend to the interns/residents is considered seriously, and the medical colleges who have not submitted the requisite information are hereby directed to show cause as to why penal action should not be taken against them," NMC stated."

Sources in the Department of Medical Education alleged that several private medical colleges are not giving stipends fixed by the government, which is why they have not submitted the details of the stipends paid.

Cyclone Fengal to cross the coast close to Puducherry this afternoon

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

With the slow-moving weather system gathering pace, the Regional Meteorological Centre (RMC), Chennai, announced that Cyclone Fengal will cross the coast close to Puducherry by Saturday afternoon.

The RMC has maintained the red alert – indicating isolated extremely heavy rainfall – in seven coastal districts for Saturday. Intense rain will lash other districts.

On the day of the cyclone's landfall, Chennai and its neighbouring districts, Cuddalore, Puducherry, Villupuram, and Kallakurichi will receive intense rain.

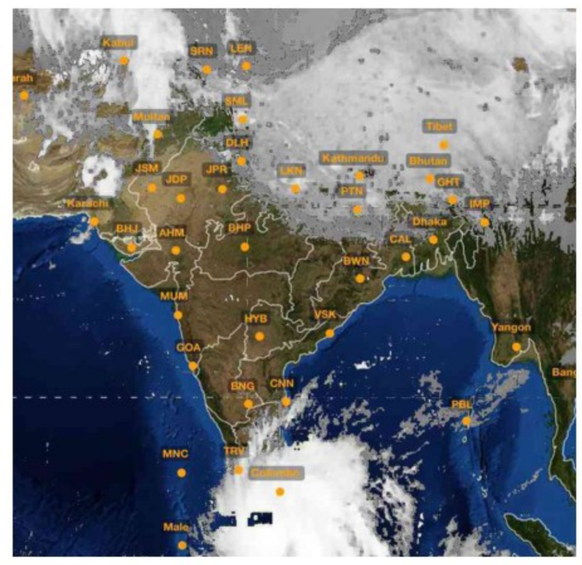
With the weather system consolidating itself, it is likely to bring heavy rain in north Tamil Nadu till Saturday, and in the Western Ghat districts and interior parts from December 1 to December 3.

Orange and yellow alerts have been issued for various other districts which are expected to receive heavy to very heavy rain. The Cauvery delta districts and north interior districts, too, may receive heavy to very heavy rain on Saturday. The RMC has said Cyclone Fengal will cross the north Tamil Nadu-Puducherry coast between Karaikal and Mamallapuram, close to Puducherry, as a cyclonic storm by Saturday afternoon. It would have a wind speed of 70-80 kmph gusting to 90 kmph during landfall.

The weather agency had earlier said the system would weaken and cross the Tamil Nadu coast as a depression.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Saturday: Heavy/very heavy rainfall likely at a few/isolated places over north Tamil Nadu, south coastal Andhra Pradesh, south interior Karnataka, Kerala and Andaman & Nicobar Islands. Thunderstorm with lightning likely at isolated places over Telangana, Rayalaseema, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Karaikal, Yanam and Mahe

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	31.5	18.8	Kozhikode	—	34.8	24.9
Ahmedabad	—	29.8	18.1	Kurnool	—	31.7	20.2
Aizawl	3	27.9	18.5	Lucknow	—	26.8	11.4
Allahabad	—	27.8	11.6	Madurai	—	27.2	23.5
Bengaluru	—	27.5	18.3	Mangaluru	—	33.6	20.9
Bhopal	—	24.9	8.2	Mumbai	—	32.6	16.5
Bhubaneswar	—	24.9	21.6	Mysuru	—	25.6	15.4
Chandigarh	—	27.8	8.4	New Delhi	—	26.4	9.5
Chennai	34	25.1	21.3	Patna	—	28.0	15.8
Coimbatore	—	30.6	20.5	Port Blair	—	31.0	27.6
Dehradun	—	24.6	9.6	Puducherry	1.6	27.5	23.1
Gangtok	—	16.6	8.1	Pune	—	30.2	14.4
Goa	—	33.0	24.0	Raipur	—	29.6	14.6
Guwahati	—	28.7	13.8	Ranchi	—	26.7	11.8
Hubballi	—	30.0	18.0	Shillong	—	21.5	8.6
Hyderabad	—	31.0	17.0	Shimla	—	19.3	8.6
Imphal	—	25.6	14.6	Srinagar	—	13.1	-1.0
Jaipur	—	26.0	12.2	Thiruvananthapuram	—	32.0	26.1
Kochi	—	32.0	25.6	Tiruchi	0.2	28.3	23.4
Kohima	—	20.4	7.0	Vijayawada	—	30.9	23.7
Kolkata	—	28.6	20.0	Visakhapatnam	—	28.7	24.6

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.16	..34	23	... 267	...141	
Bengaluru	...7	..15	72	 95	...124	
Chennai	.11	..30	39	... 113	...109	
Delhi	.26	224	93	... 387	...382	
Hyderabad	...6	109	65	... 160	...147	
Kolkata	.12	..74	31	 90	...106	
Lucknow	...8	..39	73	... 297	...283	
Mumbai	.33	127	22	... 131	...133	
Pune	..—	112	21	... 227	...138	
Visakhapatnam	.10	..39	42	... 122	...105	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Delhi recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 331 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Aizawl, Mizoram recorded a healthy AQI score of 25

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ
ಯುವ ಸಬಲೀಕರಣ ಮತ್ತು ಕ್ರೀಡಾ ಇಲಾಖೆ
ರಾಜ್ಯ ಯುವ ಕೇಂದ್ರ, ನೃಪತುಂಗ ರಸ್ತೆ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು – 560001.
ದೂರವಾಣಿ: 080–22215601, ಫ್ಯಾಕ್ಸ್ : 22215602

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:ಕಕ್ರೀಪ್ರಾ/ಪಿ5/53/2024–25 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 29.11.2024

ಪತ್ರಿಕಾ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಕ್ರೀಡಾ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರದಿಂದ ಯುವ ಸಬಲೀಕರಣ ಮತ್ತು ಕ್ರೀಡಾ ಇಲಾಖೆಯ ಕ್ರೀಡಾ ವಸತಿ ನಿಲಯದ ಕ್ರೀಡಾಪಟುಗಳಿಗೆ ತರಬೇತಿ ನೀಡುವ ಸಲುವಾಗಿ ತರಬೇತುದಾರರ ಸೇವೆ ಪಡೆಯಲು ನೇಮಕಾತಿ ಆದೇಶ ನೀಡುವ ದಿನಾಂಕದಿಂದ ಸೆಪ್ಟಂಬರ್–2025 ರ ಅಂತ್ಯದವರೆಗೆ ತಾತ್ಕಾಲಿಕವಾಗಿ ಮಾಸಿಕ ಸಂಚಿತ ವೇತನ, ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ಆಧಾರದ ಮೇಲೆ ನೇಮಕ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳಲು ಭಾರತದ ಅರ್ಹ ನಾಗರೀಕರಿಂದ ಅರ್ಜಿಯನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಿದೆ. ವಿವರಗಳು ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡಂತಿದೆ.

ಅಥ್ಲೆಟಿಕ್ಸ್, ಚಿಕ್ಕಮಗಳೂರು ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ–01, ಅಥ್ಲೆಟಿಕ್ಸ್, ಕಾರವಾರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ–01, ಅಥ್ಲೆಟಿಕ್ಸ್, ಮಂಡ್ಯ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ–01, ಅಥ್ಲೆಟಿಕ್ಸ್, ಬಳ್ಳಾರಿ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ–01, ಬಾಕ್ಸಿಂಗ್, ವಿದ್ಯಾನಗರ ತರಬೇತಿ ಕೇಂದ್ರ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ನಗರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ–01, ಫುಟ್ಬಾಲ್, ಚಿಕ್ಕಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ–01, ಹಾಕಿ, ಶಿವಮೊಗ್ಗ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ–01.

ಮಾಸಿಕ ಸಂಚಿತ ವೇತನ, ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಹತೆ ಮತ್ತು ಇತರೆ ಅರ್ಹತೆ ಮಾನದಂಡ ವಿವರಗಳು ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡಂತಿದೆ.

ತರಬೇತುದಾರರು :– 1. ಪದವಿ ಮತ್ತು ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರೀಯ ಕ್ರೀಡಾ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆ (ಎನ್ ಎಸ್–ಎನ್ಐಎಸ್) / ಭಾರತೀಯ ಕ್ರೀಡಾ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯಿಂದ ಆಯಾ ಕ್ರೀಡೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಒಂದು ವರ್ಷದ ಅವಧಿ ತರಬೇತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಡಿಪ್ಲೊಮೊ ಪಡೆದಿರಬೇಕು ಅಥವಾ ವಿಷಿಯನ್ ಕ್ರೀಡಾಕೂಟ ಮತ್ತು ಕಾಮನ್ವೆಲ್ತ್ ಕ್ರೀಡಾಕೂಟದಲ್ಲಿ ಪದಕ ಪಡೆದಿರಬೇಕು ಅಥವಾ ಒಲಿಂಪಿಕ್ಸ್ ಕ್ರೀಡಾಕೂಟದಲ್ಲಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಿರಬೇಕು. (ಮಾಸಿಕ ಸಂಚಿತ ವೇತನ ರೂ 39,960–00)

ಅರ್ಜಿ ಮತ್ತು ಇನ್ನಿತರೆ ಪೂರಕ ದಾಖಲೆಗಳನ್ನು ದಿನಾಂಕ 16–12–2024 ರಂದು ಸಂಜೆ 4.00 ಗಂಟೆಯೊಳಗೆ ಮಹಾ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು, ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಕ್ರೀಡಾ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರ, ರಾಜ್ಯ ಯುವ ಕೇಂದ್ರ, ನೃಪತುಂಗ ರಸ್ತೆ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು–56001 ಇವರಿಗೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬೇಕಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಈ ಸಂಬಂಧ ಅರ್ಹತೆ ಹೊಂದಿರುವ ಅಭ್ಯರ್ಥಿಗಳ ಸಂದರ್ಶನವನ್ನು ದಿನಾಂಕ 21–12–2024 ರಂದು ಮಧ್ಯಾಹ್ನ 3.30 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ ಮೇಲೆ ತಿಳಿಸಿರುವ ಸ್ಥಳದಲ್ಲಿ ನಡೆಸಲಾಗುವುದು. ಅರ್ಜಿ ನಮೂನೆ ಮತ್ತು ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಯ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆಯನ್ನು ಯುವ ಸಬಲೀಕರಣ ಮತ್ತು ಕ್ರೀಡಾ ಇಲಾಖೆಯ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ **dyes.karnataka.gov.in** ನಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

ಸಹಿ/–
ಆಯುಕ್ತರು, ಯುವ ಸಬಲೀಕರಣ ಮತ್ತು ಕ್ರೀಡಾ ಇಲಾಖೆ
ಹಾಗೂ ಮಹಾ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು, ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಕ್ರೀಡಾ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರ
ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು

DIPR/CP/3511/Zen/2023-24

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that my clients **Mr.Sreedhar Manyam, S/o. Mr. M.C. Chenchu Obulu and Mrs.Ranisuneela Motru, W/o.Mr. Sreedhar Manyam** both residing at Flat # 217, Wing-2A, Sobha Quartz, Palm Avenue, Green Glen Layout, Bellandur, Bengaluru - 560103 and **Mr.Gudiselapalle Suresh Kumar, S/o. Mr. Yesurathnam Gudiselapalle** residing at D.No:3/1399-3, Goutham Hospital, Revenue Ward No:3, Holmes Peta, Proddatur - 516360 are intended to purchase the Residential Property from **Mrs.R.Madhumala W/o. Mr. Ramachandra** the following property:

All that piece and parcel of property bearing **Sy. No. 82/1 E-Khata No. 150200102201623072 measuring 15 Guntas (1517.57 sqm) in the Residential converted land vide Conversion Order No.ALN (A)(S) SR:240/2013-14 dated: 25/07/2014 situated at Chikkanahalli Kamanahalli Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District** acquired by Mrs.R.Madhumala W/o. Mr.Ramachandra vide Sale Deed dated: 31/03/2016 registered as document No.SRJ-1-05445/2015-16 in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Basavanagudi (Sarjapur), Bangalore and bounded by East: Sy. No. 82/1 property belonging to Kempanna and Venkataswamy, West: Property of Mr.Nanjunda Reddy, North: Road, South: Property of Mr.Nanjunda Reddy.

In case any persons have any right, claims and objections over the above said properties, please contact the below mentioned address with documents within 10 days from this notification.

SANTHOSH G.R., BAL., LL.B.,
Legal Consultant,
GR ASSOCIATES, #149/44-1, I Floor,
Byrasandra Main Road, Jayanagar 1st
Block East, Near SBI, Bangalore-560 011.
Ph:08048146700, Mo: 7760056700

KMF Karnataka Cooperative Milk Producers' Federation Limited
Kmf Complex, Dr. M.H. Marigowda Road, Bangalore - 560 029
Tel: 080-25536625 / 25536789 fax: 080-25536105

IFT No: KMF/ENGG/CFPH-Unit-2-Air Compressor/2014/2024-25 Date: 29-11-2024

TENDER NOTIFICATION
[Two Cover System] [Through KPP Portal Only]

Karnataka Milk Federation Ltd; Bangalore invites tender from the eligible manufacturers/ authorised dealer through KPP Portal for the works mentioned in the table below. The interested manufacturers /contractors who have handled similar kind of works may participate in the tender as indicated below, by logging on to website https://www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in and also contact Help desk E-mail; hphelpdesk.blr@intarvo.com and helpline no. 080-25501227/ 25501216.

Sl. No.	Name of the work	Qty.	EMD in Rs.	Period of Completion
1	Design, Supply, Installation and commissioning of 235 CFM Capacity Air Compressor with related other works at Cattle Feed Plant-Unit-2, Hassan	1 Job	50,000/-	3 Months

1. Tender schedules may be downloaded from dated: 30-11-2024 to 16-12-2024 up to 4.00 pm.
2. Last date for Tender submission on date: 16-12-2024 up to 4.00 pm
3. Tender [Part 1] to be opened on date: 17-12-2024 at 4:30 pm.

For Karnataka Co-Opp. Milk Federation Ltd.,
Sd/- Director [Engineering-2]

CAUVERY NEERAVARI NIGAMA NIYAMITHA
(A Government of Karnataka Enterprises)
Office of the Executive Engineer, No.2 Harangi Right Bank Canal Division,Hunsur, (Mysore Dist.),
Phone/ Fax: 08222 - 252211

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION NO.: 06/2024-25
Dated: 28-11-2024

(Through KPPP only)

Percentage rate tenders are invited on KPPP by the Executive Engineer, No.2 Harangi Right Bank Canal Division, Hunsur, Mysore District on behalf of the Managing Director, CNNL, Bangalore from eligible contractors for **2 works** of range upto Rs.3.55 crore. The contractors can have access/ download KPPP tender document from 11.00 AM onwards on **29-11-2024** at and last date to submitt the filled tender document is **12-12-2024 till 4.00 PM**. Technical bid will be opened on **13-12-2024 at 4.00 PM** onwards and Financial bid will be opened on **20-12-2024** at 11.00 AM onwards or on any other convinient date and time. All the information is available on KPPP platform web-site address **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/kppp**. Tender processing fee as stipulated in the KPP Portal is applicable for works and stipulated period for completion of the work is 6 months (Including Monsoon). Additional information can be obtained from the undersigned during office hours.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, No.2 Harangi Right Bank Canal Division, Hunsur, Mysore District - 571105

DIPR/DDMYS-870/KSMCA-596/2024-25

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ
ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರೀಯ ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಅಭಿಯಾನ
ಜಿಲ್ಲಾಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಮತ್ತು ಕುಟುಂಬ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯ, ಯಾದಗಿರಿ
ಸದಸ್ಯ ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿಗಳು ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಸಂಘ, ಯಾದಗಿರಿ
ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:9535716637, 7259910781 ಮಿಂಚಂಚೆ :rchoyadgiri2@gmail.com

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ.ಆ.ಅ.ಕಾ/ಯಾ// 2024–25 ದಿನಾಂಕ:28.11.2024

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ವಿಷಯ: ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಮತ್ತು ಕುಟುಂಬ ಕಲ್ಯಾಣ ಇಲಾಖೆಯ ಅಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಬರುವ ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರೀಯ ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಅಭಿಯಾನ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮ ಅನುಷ್ಠಾನಗೊಳಿಸಲು ಬೇಕಾದ 04 ಚಕ್ರದ ವಾಹನ(ಚಾಲಕ ಸಹಿತ) ಸೇವೆಯನ್ನು ಒದಗಿಸಲು ಅರ್ಹ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗಳಿಂದ ಈ–ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಿರುವ ಕುರಿತು.

ಈ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯದ ವಿವಿಧ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮಗಳಿಗಾಗಿ 04 ಚಕ್ರದ ವಾಹನ (ಚಾಲಕ ಸಹಿತ)ಸೇವೆಯನ್ನು ಅರ್ಹ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗಳಿಂದ ಪಡೆಯಲು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ ಅಧಿನಿಯಮ 2000 ರ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಅರ್ಹ ಪೋರೈಕೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಇ–ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

E-Procurement ನಲ್ಲಿ ವಿವಿಧ ಹಂತದ ಘನಟಾವಳಿಗಳನ್ನು ಜರುಗಿಸಲು ಸಿದ್ದಪಡಿಸಿದ ಕಾಲಬದ್ಧ ವೇಳಾಪಟ್ಟಿ

1) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಹೊರಡಿಸಿರುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 28.11.2024 **2) ಪತ್ರಿಕ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಹೊರಡಿಸಿರುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ:** 28.11.2024 **3) ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಕಾಯ್ದಿರಿಸಿದ ಮೊತ್ತ:** 61.80.000/– **4) ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ.ಮೊತ್ತ:** 1.54.500/– **5) ಆನ್‌ಲೈನ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಬುಕ್‌ಲೆಟ್ ಆಸಕ್ತ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ದಾರರಿಗೆ ಒದಗಿಸುವಂತೆ ಮಾಡುವುದು:** 28.11.2024 **6) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಬುಕ್‌ಲೆಟ್ ಅಪ್‌ಲೋಡ ಮಾಡಲಾದ ದಿನಾಂಕ:** 28.11.2024 **7) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಬುಕ್‌ಲೆಟ್ ಅಪ್‌ಲೋಡ ಮಾಡಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ಸಮಯ:** 06.12.2024 16:00:00 **8) ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಲಕೋಟೆತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ:** 07.12.2024 11:00:00.

1) ಆನ್‌ಲೈನ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಿದ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಮಾತ್ರ ಪರಿಗಣಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು 2) ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಭೌತಿಕವಾಗಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಕವರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ನೀಡುವುದನ್ನು ಪರಿಗಣಿಸಲಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ 3) ಕ್ರ.ಸಂ.7 ಮತ್ತು 8 ರಲ್ಲಿ ಇರುವ ದಿನಾಂಕಗಳನ್ನು ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಮಿತಿಯ/ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಮಿತಿಯ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರ ಆಡಳಿತಾತ್ಮಕ ಅನುಕೂಲತೆಗೆ ಅನುಗುಣವಾಗಿ (ಅನಿವಾರ್ಯ ಸಂದರ್ಭದಲ್ಲಿ ಬದಲಾವಣೆಗೊಳಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ) 4) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ಸಂದರ್ಭದಲ್ಲಿ ಆಸಕ್ತ ಹಾಗೂ ಉಪಸ್ಥಿತರಿದ್ದ ಟೆಂಟರ್‌ದಾರರ ಸಮಕ್ಷಮದಲ್ಲಿ ತೆರೆಯಲಾಗುವುದು (ಅನಿವಾರ್ಯ ಕಾರಣದಿಂದಾಗಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಿದ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ದಾರರು ಅನುಪಸ್ಥಿತಿಯ ಇದ್ದರೂ ಕೂಡಾ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ತೆರೆಯುವಕಾರ್ಯ ಮುಂದುವರೆಯುತ್ತದೆ) 5) ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ನಿಗಧಿತ ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ/ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಬುಕ್‌ಲೆಟ್‌ಗಾಗಿ ನಿಗಧಿಪಡಿಸಿದ ಶುಲ್ಕಗಳಿಗಾಗಿ ಬ್ಯಾಂಕ್ ಡಿಡಿ (ಹುಂಡಿ)ಯನ್ನು E-Procurement ಮೂಲಕವೇ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸತಕ್ಕದ್ದು

ಸಹಿ/– ಸದಸ್ಯ ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿಗಳು
ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಸಂಘ, ಯಾದಗಿರಿ

ವಾ.ಸಾ.ಸಂ.ಇ/ಯಾದಗಿರಿ/316/ಕೆ.ಎಸ್.ಎಂ.ಸಿ.&ಎ/2024–25

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that our client ("**Client**") intends to acquire certain immoveable property being a residential apartment bearing Flat No. 101, having PID No. 7694750015, comprised on the first floor of the multi-storied residential building *viz.*, SKYLARK EDEN, having a super built up area of 2246 square feet along with two car parking spaces and 1080 square feet of undivided right, title and interest from its present owner ("**Schedule Property**").

Any person(s) /party(ies) having any right, title, interest or claim in the Schedule Property or any part thereof, in any manner or objecting to such transaction may, write to the undersigned with requisite documentary evidence within **seven (7) days** from the issuance of this public notice, failing which, our Client shall proceed with the above-mentioned transaction, without any reference to such claim and the same, if any, shall be considered as waived and thereafter, no claims / objections / disputes will be entertained.

Any person(s)/party(ies) dealing directly or indirectly with regard to the property listed in the Schedule below or in any other manner shall be doing so at his / her /their own cost, risk and consequences and our Client shall not be responsible for any such acts:

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the residential apartment bearing No. 101, consisting of 3 bedrooms, with RCC Roofing, Mosaic flooring, teak wood doors, and windows, having PID No. 7694750015, comprised on the first floor of the multi-storied residential building viz., SKYLARK EDEN, having a super built up area of 2246 square feet along with two car parking spaces and 1080 square feet of undivided right, title and interest in property bearing Municipal No. 8, presently coming within the jurisdictional limits of Bruhath Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, Old Ward No. 76, New Ward No. 111, situated at Hayes Road, Bangalore.

Place: Bengaluru
Sd/- Date:29-11-2024
Prasanna Swaminathan, Advocate.
No. 109, Level -1, Prestige Center Point,
Cunningham Road, Bengaluru – 560052.

KMF Karnataka Cooperative Milk Producers' Federation Limited
Kmf Complex, Dr. M.H. Marigowda Road, Bangalore - 560 029
Tel: 080-25536625 / 25536789 fax: 080-25536105

IFT No: KMF/ENGG/CFPR-Air Compressor/1920/2024-25 Date: 29-11-2024

TENDER NOTIFICATION
[Two Cover System] [Through KPP Portal Only]

Karnataka Milk Federation Ltd; Bangalore invites tender from the eligible manufacturers/ authorised dealer through KPP Portal for the works mentioned in the table below. The interested manufacturers /contractors who have handled similar kind of works may participate in the tender as indicated below, by logging on to website https://www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in and also contact Help desk E-mail; hphelpdesk.blr@intarvo.com and helpline no. 080-25501227/ 25501216.

Sl. No.	Name of the work	Qty.	EMD in Rs.	Period of Completion
1	Design, Supply, Installation and commissioning of 121 CFM Capacity Screw Air Compressor with related other works at Cattle Feed Plant, Rajanukunte.	1 Job	50,000/-	3 Months

1. Tender schedules may be downloaded from dated: 30-11-2024 to 16-12-2024 up to 4.00 pm.
2. Last date for Tender submission on date: 16-12-2024 up to 4.00 pm
3. Tender [Part 1] to be opened on date: 17-12-2024 at 4:30 pm.

For Karnataka Co-Opp. Milk Federation Ltd.,
Sd/- Director [Engineering-2]

POLICE DEPARTMENT
Office of the Director General of Police,
CID, Special Units & Economic Offences, No.1,
Carlton House, Palace Road, Bengaluru - 560 001.

No: 06/Est-1/CID/2023-24 (F.A) Date: 25.11.2024

NOTICE

Towards administrative support as & when required for smooth functioning of investigation of cases pertaining to K.P.I.D & BUDS cases, fraud cases registered in private companies, stock broking system related to shares & debentures, examining the accounts book in case of online gambling & betting and economic offences cases, Criminal Investigation Department, a unit of Karnataka State Police invites application from the experienced professionals in the domain of chartered accountancy (with atleast five year experience) for the post of One Financial Analyst as a consolidated remuneration. Details of qualification and job description are given on website.

Sl. No.	Particulars	Vacancy
1	Financial Analyst on outsource basis for providing opinion on Accounts matter to Investigating Officers and other work assigned by Superior Officers.	01 No.

Last date for submission of Application: 16.12.2024.

For more details please visit official website of Karnataka State Police **www.ksp.gov.in**. **Last date for receipt of application date: 16.12.2024 17:00 hrs.** The application shall be in sealed cover and the same should be submitted to Deputy Inspector General of Police, Economic Offences, CID, Bengaluru. Any application received after the due date and time will not be entertained. Amendments if any will be notified only on website. Please visit https://ksp.gov.in for more information or call 080-22094455. between 10.00 am to 5.30 p.m. on working days.

Sd/-
For Director General of Police & Chairman of the Committee, CID, Special Units & Economic Offences, Bengaluru.

DIPR/CP/3417/Maa/2024-25

Second Soren

The Centre must not stall Jharkhand schemes on political considerations

After leading the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) and its alliance partners to a resounding victory in the recent Assembly election, Hemant Soren has taken over as Chief Minister for another term. The fiercely contested election has made challenges more difficult for the new government. Mr. Soren has laid out a list of priorities in his second term. At the top of this list is to deliver on the promises of increasing the amount of cash assistance for women under the Jharkhand Mukhyamantri Maiya Samman Yojana to ₹2,500 a month and to generate jobs, including speeding up recruitment under the Jharkhand Public Service Commission (JPSC) and the Jharkhand Staff Selection Commission (JSSC). The promise of expediting JPSC and JSSC recruitment faces another challenge – that of harmonising it with another key poll promise, which is the implementation of a domicile policy based on 1932 records. The issue of domicile has gained new urgency with the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) alleging that the tribal character of the State was being altered by the influx of foreigners. Changes in domicile law will require the approval of the Centre too, and the JMM has accused the BJP of stalling them. Mr. Soren will have to work with the Centre on this as well as on many other governance issues in the State. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has promised to support the State's aspirations but the BJP's political calculations may hinder Mr. Soren's agenda.

The new government has to also work on the election promises of increasing the reservation in recruitment for SCs, STs, and OBCs, and implementing the Sarna Dharam Code. Mr. Soren has said that his previous government had passed decisions on all three issues – the change in domicile policy, the Sarna Dharam Code, and reservations – and the Centre was the one stalling it. He will also have to find a way to give shape to poll promises such as delivering LPG cylinders for ₹450, hiking the minimum support price of paddy to ₹3,200 a quintal, and increasing the amount of grain provided to households under the free ration scheme. Mr. Soren will have to deal with a more fractious society, the Opposition BJP that is waiting for an opportunity to strike, and weak allies, the Congress and the Rashtriya Janata Dal. Mr. Soren has been the target of investigations by central agencies that often work according to the political convenience of the BJP. He has a tough task ahead keeping his anti-BJP political posture at the national and the State levels intact and also finding cooperation from the Centre in governance.

ONOS bitten

Bringing down cost of access to research papers is only one of many issues

While generally undesirable, centralisation promised to be a boon *vis-à-vis* public access to research through India's 'One Nation, One Subscription' (ONOS) plan. ONOS was first proposed in the country's fifth draft National Science, Technology, and Innovation Policy (2020) in response to the hefty fees research journals charged – and still do – for scholars and the people at large to access the papers they published. In this revenue model, journals accept and publish papers submitted by scholars and charge those who want to read them a fee. Research institutes also subscribe to these journals, so scholars can avail all the papers through their libraries. As these fees climbed over time, librarians banded up in consortia to increase their bargaining power at negotiations. ONOS, which the Union Cabinet approved on November 25, replaces these consortia with the national government and obliges journals to provide a single fee to access them. The upshot is expensive journals will now become available at underfunded government institutes as well.

However, ONOS will be limited to publicly funded institutes; and it allows the stranglehold of commercial publishers on scholarly publishing to continue. Many journals subsist on publicly funded research while also charging people money to access it. ONOS may reduce these sums but the government's willingness to allocate ₹6,000 crore for three calendar years for 30 major publishers must be seen against the backdrop of the gross expenditure on research and development as a fraction of the GDP having become stagnant. The government could have promoted the adoption of 'green' and/or 'diamond' open-access models that guarantee public access by default or have supported, as a matter of policy, home-grown journals sensitive to Indian scholars' circumstances while enhancing the discoverability of their research. The decision to instead channel a large sum of money to publishers abroad does not factor in India's potential to influence research access modalities in the developing world. The lack of transparency is also perturbing, including over whether the list of journals will be monitored to cull titles that have become irrelevant or predatory, or to add those that have gained currency in recent years. Most of all, at a time when many journals have switched to 'gold' open-access – where researchers pay to have a paper published that is then available for free – and preprint papers are gaining in popularity as a means of communicating research, the government's justification for adopting the ONOS strategy in its present form is weak. Add to this the absence of consultation with the institutes on their specific needs, and any celebration of ONOS will have to be deemed premature.

A liberal arts degree is worth much more than realised

Nirmala Rao
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We are all too familiar with the recession of 2008 and its subsequent impact on the decline of the humanities and more generally, the liberal arts, in North America and Europe. In the context of the 'existential crisis' facing classic liberal arts programmes, questions have often centred on their relevance and whether they offer tangible 'real-world' skills, resulting in a diverse range of outstanding career outcomes. An article in *The New Yorker*, "The end of the English major", published in 2023, argued that traditional liberal arts study has become the 'quaint province of a privileged elite, comprising students who do not expect a return on their investment and can afford to spend time on unremunerative pursuits'.

The 'getting a job' concern

As a result, liberal arts degrees face increasing criticism in policy discussions for failing to equip students with the knowledge and the skills valued in the labour market, often leading to inadequate financial returns on their educational investments. Given the discursive link between higher education and job prospects, domain-specific experts and counsellors advise aspiring high school graduates to pursue degrees in business, finance and economics, in order to secure jobs. The statistics are striking: in 1966, 14% of all college graduates in the United States were majors in the humanities (central to the liberal arts); by 2010, that figure dropped by half to only 7%. The discourse is not simply limited to the low likelihood of finding jobs after a liberal arts degree, but also suggests that associated majors are concerned only with abstract ideas. This might have something to do with the context within which liberal arts emerged in early modern Europe, as a means of avoiding manual labour or working with hands. A liberal arts education that combined humanities with science was thought to produce a 'thinking' individual. In many ways, the idea of a liberal arts education seems antithetical to expectations of regional development that involves some technical training and knowledge. Despite its beginning, liberal arts have evolved in practice to be so much more.

Liberal arts enable students to comprehend those things that quite literally make us human. The skills that they cultivate in reasoning and critical thinking are every bit as important to future success in the workplace as learning to code, calculate, or raise capital. To paraphrase the longest serving President of Harvard University, Charles Eliot, a liberal arts education teaches a student a little bit of everything, and a great deal of one thing. Given such a powerful approach to generating scholars possessed of all-round disciplinary, and indeed, life skills, it appears peculiar that anyone would want to quibble with the exciting possibilities of such an outcome. Let us also note that while liberal arts is experiencing a decline in North America, it has seen a re-emergence in Europe and shows no sign of abating. Only five years ago, the University of Nottingham, U.K., opened a new liberal arts programme, promising that this new initiative will enable students to explore what it means to be human. Today more than 20 universities in the U.K. offer some form of liberal arts and sciences programme. For some, this re-emergence has arisen partly as a corrective to the region's more recent over-specialisation in education.

> That liberal arts students have no concern for the real world is a weak claim

Towards the east, a decade ago, in Hong Kong, a major educational overhaul saw numerous institutions move from a British-style three-year degree model to a U.S.-style four-year model, with the aim of incorporating the greater breadth evident in a 'liberal arts' approach. This compromise between the full breadth of a liberal arts degree and the specialised approach of a traditional British-style bachelor has also been taken up in other parts of Asia, where liberal arts is often seen as a component of a specialised degree, rather than being offered as a degree in its own right. The idea is that specialised education can be supplemented with a humanistic approach to produce a well-rounded individual who practises critical thinking.

The world versus India

So, as an international phenomenon, the promotion of liberal arts education emerged within countries usually as a combination of indigenous educational reform movements and inchoate transnational advocacy networks. Of course, now there is universal consensus that liberal education prepares students well for life in a globalised, multicultural, society – one that makes them more aware of a variety of cultures and the need to communicate effectively across cultural differences; teaches them to evaluate new ideas with evidence; and formulate opinions, not make assumptions. Today's students also want an education that will address their desires for justice, service and self-expression, while equally wanting to develop the non-cognitive skills that will allow them to be successful in a globally competitive job market.

India offers an intriguing case in point. For a nation where higher education has traditionally focused on professional courses, including engineering and medicine, the last couple of decades has witnessed a sudden interest in liberal arts education. Businesses, non-governmental organisations, and government entities increasingly recognise that a discipline-specific technical education alone is not sufficient for the wholesome growth of the country's economy and society. 'Soft skills', which can be honed through a classical liberal arts education, are crucial in this context. While the rapid development of liberal arts in India has been welcomed by several, others ask – and, quite rightly – whether students will get jobs after liberal arts training; whether liberal arts is suitable for a developing country; whether critical thinking skills help students solve India's societal problems – poverty, hunger, caste, and class inequalities.

Preparing students to be global citizens

Even for parents without the experience of studying for a degree, it does not take too much imagination to produce a 'usefulness' argument in favour of encouraging their children to take a scientific or technological subject. Even pure science holds out the prospect of a practical application one day. But for the liberal arts, the arguments are much more nuanced. The liberal arts impart the so-called soft skills associated with how to think for yourself, how to research and find things out for yourself, and how to communicate the results to other people. And there is a lot of truth in this. It is for these reasons that the new generation of liberal arts institutions in the country pioneered a model of education that appeals to several stakeholders. Employers highlight the communication skills and the creativity that liberal arts students bring to their workplaces and praise their ability to engage with multidisciplinary teams for effective problem-solving and creative thinking.

The technique of threading different kinds of content, conversations, and curriculum is the genius of the faculty in liberal arts institutions, who curate and incorporate the best of substance and knowledge in terms of interdisciplinary and experiential learning, the use of technology, and mentorship to attract young minds towards the best educational experience and to prepare them to be global citizens.

Evidently, we can no longer make the claim that liberal arts students have no concern for the real world. They are proving otherwise. They are taking over the world, one interwoven lesson at a time.

Indians need to share contraceptive responsibility

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In 1952, India pioneered a national programme for family planning, whose focus has since changed – from improving maternal and child health to stabilising the population. As this programme evolved, so too did permanent methods of contraception.

During 1966-70, about 80.5% of all sterilisation procedures in India were vasectomies. This percentage declined every year due to changing policies that, together with other factors, placed less and less of an emphasis on vasectomies. The five rounds of the National Family Health Survey (NHFS) also show the use of male sterilisation, especially in the last three decades, to be steadily decreasing in all States. In fact, the vasectomies percentage remained constant at around 0.3% in NFHS-4 (2015-16) and NFHS-5.

Gender and the disparity

This trend goes against Section 4.8 of the National Health Policy 2017, which aimed to increase the fraction of male sterilisations to at least 30%. Even today, India is far from meeting this target. Official data also show a large disparity between the rates of female and male sterilisation – 37.9% and 0.3%, respectively. Such huge differences indicate that women continue to bear virtually all of the burden of sterilisation, which in turn poses a challenge for India to achieve Sustainable Development Goal 5 – 'gender equality and empowerment of all women and girls by 2030' – among others.

In one attempt to bridge this gap, the world observes Vasectomy Day on the third Friday of November (it was on November 15 this year). In 2017, India observed a 'vasectomy fortnight' as well.

The initiative is to revitalise the procedure by increasing awareness, generating demand among men, and debunking misconceptions. In the end, the goal is for people already looking for contraceptives as well as those who would if they knew about safe options to consider vasectomies more favourably.

But for these concerted efforts, policies still overlook multiple issues on the ground, keeping them ineffective and allowing the gap between male and female sterilisation rates to persist.

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The ground reality, solutions

For example, two of the three writers of this article surveyed a village in Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar, Maharashtra, in March 2024 as part of a field exercise. The women said sterilisation was their responsibility and that the men do not believe they need to have vasectomies. Most of them also expressed a belief that men should not be "burdened" by it because they already work hard to make ends meet, and that undergoing the procedure could rob the men of their day's wages, worsening their hardship.

These women were also unaware of the Indian government's cash incentives to those who undergo vasectomies to offset the loss of wages. In fact, many studies in India have suggested that illiteracy, male egos, misconceptions about its impact on libido, and family opposition have led to the poor acceptance of vasectomies. Many men are not aware of their role in ensuring the safe passage of reproductive years in the lives of their female partners.

The unavailability of skilled providers has aggravated the situation, especially in rural areas. To make matters worse, many trained community health workers themselves know little about no-scalpel vasectomies.

As things stand, with increasing awareness of gender equality and rights, it is certainly possible to build a society in which male sterilisation is accepted as normative through proper and timely course correction.

As a first step, sensitisation should begin during early adolescence in schools, where awareness programmes and monitored peer-group discussions can lay the foundation for accepting sterilisation as a shared responsibility. Sustained social and behaviour change communication initiatives will be instrumental in debunking myths around and destigmatising vasectomies. Vasectomy is a safe and simple procedure compared to tubectomy, the corresponding surgical procedure for women involving their fallopian tubes.

Second, these information, education and communication activities should be supplemented with greater conditional cash incentives for vasectomies with the goal to improve male participation.

A study in Maharashtra in 2019 showed that more men in rural tribal areas opted for vasectomies after being offered a conditional cash incentive. Madhya Pradesh's move in 2022 to increase this incentive by 50% is appreciable in this light.

An international comparison

Third, India should draw from the lessons from other countries that have increased vasectomy uptake. South Korea has the highest prevalence of the procedure worldwide, and has reported that men are more likely to shoulder contraceptive responsibilities as a result of progressive societal norms and greater gender equality. Similarly, Bhutan has popularised vasectomy among its men by making the procedure socially acceptable, availing good-quality services, and organising government-run vasectomy camps. Brazil increased vasectomy uptake by running awareness campaigns on mass media. The prevalence rate has risen, from 0.8% in the 1980s to 5% in the last decade.

Greater public awareness of vasectomies allows both partners in a union to make informed family planning decisions. In tandem, the government must strengthen the national health system to align with policy objectives, invest in training more health professionals to perform the procedure, and promote technical advancements to increase the use of non-scalpel vasectomies.

The resulting policy should not have only intention. It should also lay out concrete steps to achieve its targets. The need of the hour is demand- and service-focused efforts rather than mere formulation.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Tackling plastic is next

Next to air pollution, plastic pollution has pervaded the world at an alarming and unprecedented rate (Inside pages, "In Busan, India says it will not back 'use' of plastic alternatives", November 29). There is no doubt that plastics have some advantages, but the disadvantages such as being non-biodegradable and health risks arising from harmful chemicals outweigh the benefits. It may not be possible to control the use of plastics at one go, but it will take time. There needs to be a solution to resolve this problem.

A.S. Krubapuri,
Chennai

It will be a good augury if nations can hammer out the first treaty designed to tackle the plastics problem plaguing the world (Page 1, "Aid needed to meet the costs of controlling plastics: India", November 28). Even a modest agreement to reduce plastic use every year will go a long way. There should be hope that nations reduce this by even greater amounts. Only concerted global actions can turn the tap off on the insidious impact of plastics on our environment, human health, animal and marine life and the food we consume. It is accepted that only 9% of plastics produced is recycled. Time is not on our side. Governments need to come together to promote biodegradable substitutes.

H.N. Ramakrishna,
Bengaluru

Group and its lenders

With many reputed rating agencies downgrading the ratings of most of the Adani Group of companies following the indictment of the group's founder by the U.S., one is worried about the fate of the loans granted to the group by public sector and private sector banks ('Business' page, November 29). Have banks strictly adhered to the lending norms prescribed by the Reserve Bank of India? Has there been due diligence in respect of the credit facilities extended?

Tharcius S. Fernando,
Chennai

The bridge over the sea

It is shocking that the chief custodian of rail safety, the Commissioner of Railway Safety, Southern Circle, has allowed the operation of trains on the new Pamban bridge despite his having highlighted certain "glaring lapses" ('Tamil Nadu' page, November 29). Does he realise that the sea lies beneath the bridge? When there are reports of train accidents every other day, does this not amount to a scant regard for safety? Quality and safety have no holidays.

A. Jainulabdeen,
Chennai

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GROUND ZERO

City under siege Security personnel deployed near the Shahi Jama Masjid in Sambhal, Uttar Pradesh, after violence broke out on November 24, killing four, and injuring several. R.V. MOORTHY

Another city split into green and saffron

Last Sunday, violence broke out in Sambhal, Uttar Pradesh, after a team conducted a second survey of the Shahi Jama Masjid, to ascertain whether it was built on the remains of a temple. Four people died, even as the police claim only to have fired tear gas and rubber pellets, blaming people for carrying country-made pistols instead. **Samridhi Tewari** reports on the city, where 31 people have been arrested

At the centre of Sambhal city lies the white-and-green, four-minaret Shahi Jama Masjid, a grand 16th century structure, built during Babar's reign. It is Tuesday morning, two days after violence broke out in the three lanes that converge on the green-domed structure. In the central lane, from where the people allegedly surged, all the houses are locked.

The wires to CCTV cameras have been yanked out. The mosque bears witness to the violence – freshly marked gashes scar its paint, and cane rods and broken concrete dot its entry slope.

A couple of homes down the lane running perpendicular to the mosque show some stirring of activity. A municipal truck comes around to clean the drains and collect garbage. A middle-aged man in a skull cap and a white kurta-pyjama peeps out of his house, leaves his dustbin out, and quickly goes back in, locking the door behind him.

There is some construction work in a couple of plots, but unlike in Delhi, just 160 kilometres away, where GRAP IV regulations have disallowed building work because of high pollution levels, in Uttar Pradesh's Sambhal, most lanes are deserted. The fear is palpable.

In contrast, on Kot Purvi, the lane running parallel to the mosque on its eastern side, the shops are open. People read newspapers; poojas are being conducted – it's business, almost as usual. Here, almost every house has a saffron flag and wall paintings of Hanuman, Shiva, or Ganesha.

Kot Garbi, the main market that sees the maximum activity in the city, is shut. Most of the boards indicate they are Muslim-run. The police have put a ban until November 30, on the entry of any "outsider, social organisation, or public representative", thereby restricting political leaders from visiting. The city is a fortress now, with at least 10 police personnel every 100 metres or so.

The government suspended the Internet for a week. In 2023 India had the dubious distinction of leading the world in mobile and broadband shutdowns, as per a study by Access Now, a non-profit that works on digital rights. In October, when communal violence broke out in Bahraich in eastern U.P., the Internet was disconnected.

A build-up

What most people across India saw of Sambhal city on Sunday, November 24, were images of violence: tear gas, stone pelting, firing, arson. In the videos that went viral, the police were seen pulling children out of the crowd that had gathered after a second survey was conducted at the mosque, to determine whether under it was a temple of Harihar, considered the reincarnation of the Hindu gods Shiva and Vishnu.

The *wuzu khana* in the mosque, the ablution tank used before prayer, had been drained, allegedly to check the depth, leading to rumours of the mosque being dug up.

On Sunday, as the crowd built up during the survey that took a couple of hours in the morning, Zafar Ali, the President of the Shahi Jama Masjid committee, realised that everyone, including the people and the police, was on edge.

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> **ZAFAR ALI**
> President, Shahi Jama Masjid committee

"I went outside to try and convince people that the mosque was not being broken, and while many left after being reassured, there were still some who stayed on, enraged," he says. He realised that in case of even a slight skirmish, both the people and the police would react.

In the violence that ensued, four, including a 17-year-old boy, were killed and many were injured. Of the 2,500 people who were booked in seven first information reports (FIRs), 300 have been identified, including the Samajwadi Party's (SP) MP Zia Ur Rehman Barq and MLA Iqbal Mahmood's son, Sohail Mahmood.

While the SP has said that Barq was in Bengaluru at the time, the U.P. police have alleged in the FIR that he delivered a "provocative speech" on November 22 in the mosque, and incited people through WhatsApp.

Sohail, according to the police, incited the crowd at the time of the survey. People have been booked on charges of rioting, assault on public servants, promoting enmity, and damaging public property. Two women were arrested for allegedly throwing stones from their rooftops.

Similar to the protests in 2020 against the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2019, the U.P. government has decided to make protesters pay for damage to public property. Posters of 'stone pelters' – who police claim to have identified through CCTV records – will be displayed at public places. Sambhal police say the mob attacked them with batons, hockey sticks, firearms, and tear gas shells.

The police took Ali's phone and had called him in for questioning. A police officer says Ali had "leaked information" regarding the second survey to the people, leading to the violence. However, civil court orders are public documents.

Huddles of fear

Naeem, 28, had a sweet shop in Fatehullah Sarai, about a kilometre away from the main mosque. "The oil to fry the samosas was over, so he left to buy oil from a wholesale market near the Shahi Jama Masjid, at around 8 a.m.," says Ishrat Jahan, 25, a neighbour, who now speaks on the family's behalf, after media harassment. Naeem was to then head to the sweet shop for a regular business day. "In the afternoon, we got a call saying his body had been found on the road," Jahan says. He had bullet injuries near his chest, with entry and exit wounds, indicating a shooting at close range, say the police.

The Commissioner, Aunjaneya Kumar Singh and Sambhal District Magistrate Rajender Pensiya, claim that at about 11 a.m. the mob began pelting stones from three directions.

"Police used tear gas and rubber pellets to control the crowd. The mob set fire to three cars and a bike, and began firing with country-made pistols," says the Superintendent of Police Krishan Bishnoi. In the chaos, he says the police PRO was shot in the foot, a Deputy Collector had a fracture, and the circle officer was injured, along with 20 other officers.

Singh notes that most in the crowd were "young, unaware of the consequences, and influenced by provocateurs". The Deputy Inspector General of police Muniraj G., says that children were used by the mob to throw stones.

In his two-bedroom house, with a seven-foot courtyard, Tehzeeb, 22, Naeem's wife, observes *iddah*, a period of mourning after a husband dies. North India's winter is not yet bone-chilling, though the atmosphere is heavy with gloom. She has four children, all below 12. "He had dreams to make them doctors or engineers," Jahan says. The rice and potatoes cooked for a meal rot in a basket. Naeem's mother wakes up, screaming for her dead son.

The family claims the police is harassing them. About 20 women gathered around Tehzeeb say the police knock on their doors at 11.30 at night, asking them to take the case back, or to abusively tell them he wasn't shot dead. Naeem's post-mortem report has not been released yet.

Naeem's brother, Tasleem, claims the police, amid threats, took his thumb impression on a blank piece of paper. "I am illiterate. I don't know what the police will write on the paper," he says.

SP leader Akhilesh Yadav reacted on X, saying in Hindi, "Threatening somebody and taking their thumb impression on a blank piece of paper is a crime. The Supreme Court should take immediate cognisance and punish those responsible."

The shut homes on the lane adjacent to the mosque. R.V. MOORTHY

> This market was the life of the city. Look how silent it has become. Now, people don't even talk to each other
>
> **ARPIT RASTOGI**
> Owner, hardware store, Sambhal

Life disrupted

Most of the people involved in the violence had come to the market to either open their shops or to buy goods. Bilal Ansari, 22, who ran a clothing shop next to the Shahi Jama Masjid, was about to start his day. He lived with his parents, four brothers, and two sisters in Bada Moharram, not more than 3 km from his shop.

Bilal's brother, Salman, 26, who works as a tailor, got a call that November morning. "The caller told me Bilal was in hospital. When I rushed to the emergency ward, all I could do was hold his hand. The last sentence my brother spoke was that he was shot by the police," says Salman. Soon after, Bilal became unresponsive. "We rushed him to another hospital in Moradabad, [40 km away], but by then he had succumbed to his injuries. How will we ever go back to our lives? The police will never listen to us," Salman says.

While Salman talks, sitting on a plastic chair at home, a group of 20 men of all ages gather around for support. Every time he explains the sequence of events, a neighbour says, "*Musalmaano ko kaun nyaay dilwaega*? (Who will give justice to the Muslims?)"

A sense of unease

Savita Rastogi, 63, got married and came to live in Sambhal in 1975. A year later, similar violence erupted in the neighbourhood, when the mosque's *maulana* was killed by a Hindu man. She recalls arson and a curfew-like period for a month. "Nothing good comes out of violence," Savita says, while on her way to a neighbourhood temple managed by her family.

Based on what her in-laws told her, Savita says the *mohalla* (neighbourhood) is over 300 years old. Earlier, it had a few shops that dealt in timber, but slowly, people began to deal in peppermint oil and set up sugar refineries. When she first moved here, she remembers going up to the terrace of her house in Kot Purvi and looking around. "*Poora khandar tha* (Everything was in ruins). Only the mosque stood out. I wondered why I had moved here, from Meerut," she says.

After the violence and loot, people began moving to other cities. Moradabad and Delhi were developing in the 1980s and 1990s. The market's map changed as more and more smaller shops began opening up in Sambhal for daily needs.

Savita also remembers stories around the Harihar temple, but says, "Hindus have enough temples to go to. This controversy has caused more problems for people living here. People have died. Today, there is so much media presence. Tomorrow the media will leave, but how will Hindus and Muslims ever go back to normalcy?" Now, most shops owned by Muslims are shut. Savita says, "I used to 'take *udhaar* (goods on credit)' from our Muslim brothers. I'm concerned about whether they are ok."

With a red *teeka* (mark) on his forehead and an aum locket around his neck, Arpit Rastogi, 35, is finishing up a puja at his hardware store. "This market was the life of the city. Look how silent it has become. Now, people don't even talk to each other," Arpit says. He worries that the ongoing survey will deepen the divide between Hindus and Muslims. "Taking away land hurts, but what are *we* doing now?" he asks. The Hindu locality is predominantly populated by the Rastogis, a community involved in business and trade.

Digging up the old

The survey of the mosque to determine whether a temple lay beneath, was based on a petition in the District and Sessions Court Sambhal at Chandausi, filed by advocate Hari Shankar Jain. His son, Vishnu Shankar Jain's name also features in the petition, as does Mahant Rishiraj Giri of Sambhal's Kaila Devi temple. The Jains are involved in similar petitions on the Babri Masjid-Ram Janmabhoomi in Ayodhya, the Gyanvapi mosque in Varanasi, and the Krishna Janma Bhoomi-Shahi Idgah mosque in Mathura.

The petition referenced the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958, that stipulates that the "public shall have a right of access to any protected monument". The petition was filed on November 19 morning and the court had ordered the first survey of the mosque, which took place that evening, uncommon for all three events to take place on the same day. Now, the Supreme Court has directed the Sambhal district court to wait until the Shahi Jama Masjid Committee has a chance to approach the Allahabad High Court.

Areeb Uddin Ahmed, an advocate practising in Uttar Pradesh's Allahabad High Court explains that the Places of Worship (Special Provisions) Act, 1991, aims to uphold India's secular fabric by prohibiting the conversion of a place of worship's religious character as it existed on August 15, 1947. Social media was also rife with opinions on how in May 2022, Justice D.Y. Chandrachud, who later went on to become India's 50th Chief Justice, had allowed for an "ascertainment of a religious character of a place", giving way to surveys of several mosques.

The U.P. government has constituted a three-member committee to conduct an enquiry into the violence.

As people try to put their lives back in order, albeit in fear, local YouTubers thrust microphones into their faces, asking for answers. They accost burqa-clad women, who avoid the mics. Later, one of women tells *The Hindu*, "The atmosphere is full of fear and hate. We don't know if anything we say will be twisted and published on social media."

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GDP growth hits 5.4% in Q2, lowest in 7 quarters

Barring the Agriculture and Services sectors, all segments of the economy reported a sharp deceleration from a year ago in Q2, with Mining and Quarrying GVA slipping into the red with 0.1% contraction, from an 11.1% uptick in Q2 last year. Agriculture, Livestock, Forestry and Fishing GVA grew 3.5%, more than double the 1.7% uptick recorded a year ago.

"The sharply lower-than-expected GDP figures reflect the highly disappointing corporate earnings data and the manufacturing sector appears to have taken the maximum beating," remarked Kotak Mahindra Bank chief economist Upasna Bhardwaj. While the festive season spending may prop up growth in the second half of the year, she reckoned that 2024-25 growth could slip by around one percentage point relative to the RBI's 7.2% estimate.

However, Chief Economic Adviser V. Anantha Nageswaran was sanguine and said there was every reason to believe the 5.4% growth pace is just "a one-off number", partly attributable to cooling urban demand in Q2, which is not expected to persist. He advised that one should not extrapolate too much from these numbers about the full-year growth prospects. "These are first estimates. The first cut of the full-year growth estimates for 2024-25 will be available in January... It is too soon to say that even 6.5% number is in danger," he reasoned.

Manufacturing growth hit a bump to drop to a mere 2.2% from 14.3% in Q2 of last year, while Construction GVA rose 7.7%, about half the 13.6% uptick a year earlier. Electricity, Gas, Water Supply and Other Utility Services' GVA rose 3.3%, compared with 10.5% in July-September of 2023. Public Administration, Defence and Other Services led the acceleration among Services, with GVA rising 9.2% from 7.7% last year.

On the bright side, the NSO highlighted a rebound in consumption spending, pointing to a 6% growth in Private Final Consumption Expenditure (PFCE) in Q2 this year over the growth rate of 2.6% a year ago. However, this marks a slowdown from the first quarter of this year, when PFCE had risen 7.4%, the fastest in six quarters.

The two domestic demand components of private final consumption expenditure and gross fixed capital formation together account for a fall of 1.5 percentage points which nearly fully explains the fall in the GDP growth from Q2 to Q1, reckoned D.K. Srivastava, chief policy advisor, EY India.

"A good part of the demand side explanation emanates from the unexpected slowdown in the Centre's investment expenditure which has shown a contraction of 15.4% during the first half of this year. Since this is the main driver of domestic demand, it has affected the demand for various industrial and infrastructure related sectors," he pointed out.

SC orders authorities to be 'neutral' in Sambhal

Instead of disposing of the case, the CJI ordered the committee's petition to be listed in the week commencing on January 6, 2025.

"Be sure that you maintain the peace and harmony. It is very important that you be absolutely, totally neutral," Chief Justice Khanna addressed Additional Solicitor General K.M. Nataraj, appearing for Uttar Pradesh. The Bench instructed Mr. Nataraj not to file any further papers or documents in the civil court. The Sambhal court had scheduled the next date of hearing on January 8.

The Chief Justice Bench said it would not want to comment on the merits of the case.

Senior advocate Huzefa Ahmadi, appearing for the committee, said the community had 10 similar civil suits pending in various courts across the country.

Plastics treaty draft overlooks key issue

The major points of disagreement are proposals by the EU to have a global target to reduce the production of primary plastic polymers, steps to implement strategies and programmes to identify the risks of and protect against adverse health impacts associated with plastic pollution.

The Hindu has learnt that a group of countries, which includes Saudi Arabia, China and India, is in favour of avoiding any language in reference to these subjects. This is largely because the manufacture of polymers, a raw material for plastic, is a major industry.

Sources said that chemicals that are known to be hazardous are only included in other international conventions such as the Rotterdram, Basel, Stockholm conventions.

"We absolutely have to have 'production' (of plastic polymers) in the text. If not, it will double by mid-century and the weight of plastic in the ocean will surpass the weight of fish. If we cannot agree, then we are committed to voting on this issue," said Juan Monterrey, Head of Delegation for Panama, at a press conference on Friday.

The overwhelming scientific evidence linking the harm plastics cause to health – from being found in the placenta to 60% of sea food – means that countries could not turn a blind eye to it, said Sivendra Michael, Permanent Secretary for Environment and Climate Change, Fiji. "Only about 6% of the harmful chemicals are regulated. So, we need firm text on health," he told *The Hindu*.

Indian govt. is not a part of U.S. probe into Adani Group: MEA

It is a legal matter involving private firms, individuals and U.S. Justice Dept., says Jaiswal, adding that Embassy has not been contacted in case

Suhasini Haidar
NEW DELHI

MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said there has not been any conversation with the U.S. government over the issue. PTI

India was not informed by the United States government about its investigation into the Adani group, said that Ministry of External Affairs on Friday, which confirmed that the Indian Embassy in Washington has thus far not received any legal paperwork on the indictments against top Adani officials accused of a conspiracy to bribe Indian officials.

"This is a legal matter involving private firms and individuals and the U.S. Department of Justice," said the MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal, responding to a question from *The Hindu*. "We are not part of it in any manner at this point of time."

The MEA said it had not been asked for help in the matter by the U.S., nor had the government sought evidence of the bribery allegations in order to pursue investigations in India.

To another question on whether the government had been served with the arrest warrant issued by a New York court after a grand jury indicted Adani Chairman Gautam Adani and seven other officials of the company variously on a number of counts ranging from bribery, conspiracy and securities fraud on November 21, the MEA spokesperson said the Embassy in Washington had not been contacted about the case.

"Obviously there are established procedures and legal avenues in such cases which we believe would be followed. The Government of India was not informed in advance on the issue," he said, adding, "We have not had any conversation on this particular matter with the U.S. government".

India and the U.S. signed a Treaty on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters in 2001, which came into force in 2005, which governs any requests for assistance in cases against citizens in each other's jurisdictions.

"Any request by a foreign government for service of summons/arrest warrant is part of mutual legal assistance. Such requests are examined on merits. We have not received any request on this case from the U.S. side," Mr. Jaiswal clarified.

The Adani Group has denied any wrongdoing, and has said it would pursue legal recourse.

ALLEGATIONS REJECTED

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Bangladesh's interim govt. must protect rights of all religious minorities: India

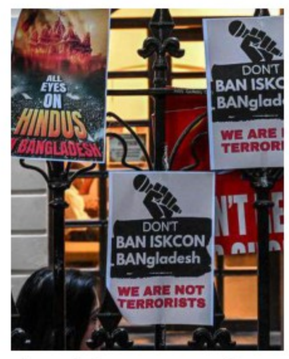
Kallol Bhattacherjee
NEW DELHI

India on Friday reminded the Muhammad Yunus-led interim government of Bangladesh that it "must" protect the rights of all religious minorities in the country and that the reported incidents of violence against minorities cannot be described as "media exaggeration".

Speaking at the weekly press briefing, Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said that the Indian concerns about the rights of minority religious communities had been conveyed to Dhaka.

The Yunus government's Law Adviser, Asif Nazrul, hit back at India saying "numerous brutal incidents are taking place against the minority Muslim community on India's own soil".

"India has consistently and strongly raised with the Bangladesh government the threats and targeted attacks on Hindus and other minorities. Our position on the matter is clear: the interim government must live up to its responsibility of protecting all minorities," Mr. Jaiswal said. The remark from the spokesperson came days after Bangladesh and India exchanged sharp statements after a Hindu leader, Chinmoy Krishna Das, was arrested in Dhaka.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Placards by ISKCON members placed on a guardrail during protests in Kolkata . AFP

Mr. Jaiswal took note of the continuing police action and said India was "concerned at the surge of extremist incidents of violence and provocation" and added, "These developments cannot be dismissed only as media exaggeration. ISKCON is a globally well-regarded organisation with a strong record of social service. We once again call upon Bangladesh to take all steps for the protection of minorities." He also called for a "fair" trial of Mr. Das, who is facing sedition charges allegedly for disrespecting the national flag of Bangladesh. "We expect that these (legal) processes will deal with the case in a just, fair and transparent manner, ensuring full respect for the legal rights of all concerned," he said.

Asif Nazrul, one of the most vocal spokespersons of the interim arrangement in Bangladesh, hit back in a social media post: "Numerous brutal incidents are taking place against the minority Muslim community on India's own soil. But that does not draw any remorse or hesitation from India. India's duplicity is condemnable and objectionable."

On Friday, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bangladesh expressed "deep concern" about the protest outside the Deputy High Commission in Kolkata and "strongly" condemned the burning of the effigy of Mr. Yunus and the flag of Bangladesh.

DHAKA CALLS FOR CALM

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ISKCON welcomes 'no ban' remark

KOLKATA
ISKCON welcomed the remarks by a senior official of the Bangladesh government that no discussion was held to ban the organisation, but continued with protests in Kolkata. ISKCON monks, led by its vice-president Radharaman Das, held a protest at its Albert Road centre in Kolkata.

Clamour for President's Rule is increasing in Imphal, says Manipur High Court's former CJ

Vijaita Singh
Abhinay Lakshman
NEW DELHI

Former Chief Justice of Manipur High Court Siddharth Mridul said on Friday that the "clamour for President's Rule seems to be gaining momentum in Imphal", which saw protests and violence after six women and children were abducted by armed militants in Jiribam during an encounter with security forces on November 11 and were later found killed.

Justice (retd.) Mridul, who demitted office on November 21, said in an interview with *The Hindu* that at no stage can it be said that peace has returned to Manipur and added that the situation has worsened in the past one year.

He said that the violence continues in the northeastern State due to problems such as infiltration, smuggling of drugs and arms through Myanmar. He also said there has been a demographic change in Manipur over the years.

The Free Movement Regime (FMR), which existed between India and Myanmar for decades, was suspended by the Union Home Ministry earlier this year. The Centre's move is being "opposed by all communities bar the Meiteis", the retired judge said.

Manipur has 34 Scheduled Tribes, which includes Naga and Kuki-Zo communities.

Justice Mridul said attributing the ongoing ethnic violence to the March 2023 Manipur High Court order "would be far from the truth and most unfair". He said that it was only the spark that lit the fire as Manipur had been sitting on a powder keg with simmering discontent for a long time.

The retired Chief Justice, who had taken charge on October 20, 2023, said that he used to be accompanied by personal staff from other communities such as the Nagas and the Meitei Pangals (Muslims) if he had to

Former Chief Justice of the Manipur HC Siddharth Mridul

travel from the Imphal Valley to the hill areas and vice versa.

He said that judicial officers were under continuous threat and their free movement was restricted in the State. "So, the first step that was taken by me was to ask the State government to provide adequate security to all the judicial officers." Next, the State was asked to produce its witnesses. "If the prosecution witness doesn't turn up, you cannot [make] progress on a case till the time that the evidence is recorded. It is impossible to take it to its logical conclusion," Justice Mridul said.

Internet services

The retired judge said that when he first arrived in Manipur there was a "complete Internet ban" across the State with exemptions built in for essential services and the court immediately asked the government to explain how it could impose a "complete ban". He added, "Within a short period of time, I believe a fortnight, we were able to limit Internet shutdown to the areas where there was persistent violence."

After May 2023, all the Kuki-Zo people left the valley, he said. "Similarly in the hills, there are no Meiteis. So, the difficulty was that we had to reorganise the judiciary to post officers who would preside over courts in the hill areas dominated by the Kukis and other tribes. And similarly in the valley. Unfortunately, the only way forward was that Meitei judicial officers were posted in the valley and tribal officers and other officers, the Pangals, were posted in the hills. The other thing about Manipur is that although it has 16 districts, there are only eight judicial districts and most of the courts were functioning from government buildings, which gave them some sense of security, but it is not the ideal situation for the court to be located within the same building as the executive," he said.

He said there is also an issue of "people entering the court complex to prevent the judge from discharging functions independently".

The retired judge said that the problem has not been addressed satisfactorily at all. "We have sent the government missives, given them a wish list, and asked them to ensure that judicial proceedings are not interrupted in any manner. But we haven't made much headway yet," he further said.

Focus on security issues along eastern border: Shah

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Union Home Minister Amit Shah said on Friday that the police and intelligence agencies should focus on emerging security challenges along the eastern borders with Bangladesh and Myanmar, officials said.

Mr. Shah inaugurated the annual Director General of Police (DGP) conference organised by the Intelligence Bureau (IB) at Bhubaneswar in Odisha on Friday. He said that other areas of attention include immigration and trends in urban policing.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will attend the conference on Saturday and Sunday where he will interact with the top police brass of the country.

Mr. Shah lauded efforts of the police leadership for the smooth conduct of the General Election and the seamless rollout of the new criminal laws.

Questions on Places of Worship Act pending in SC for 4 years

NEWS ANALYSIS

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The last order available in the Supreme Court website about a pending case centred on The Places of Worship (Special Provisions) Act of 1991, is from a year ago. The statute prohibits conversion and preserves the character of religious sites as of August 15, 1947.

The case involves a slew of petitions challenging the legality of the 1991 Act. The petitioners, including advocate Ashwini Kumar Upadhyay, blamed the 1991 law of barring Hindus, Jains, Buddhists and Sikhs from approaching courts to "reclaim" their places of worship which were "invaded" and "encroached" upon by "fundamentalist barbaric invaders".

The Supreme Court website shows the case as being previously listed before Registrar H. Shashidhara Shetty on November 30, 2023.

The All India Muslim Personal Law Board had asked the court how petitions like these, in the guise of public interest petitions, could be allowed to challenge a Central legislation which had guarded the spirit of fraternity and secularism, Preambular virtues and parts of the Basic Structure of the Constitution, through protection of the religious character of religious places.

The Muslim parties in the case had pointed out to the court that even the Ayodhya judgment had observed that the 1991 Act spoke "to our history and to the future of the nation... In preserving the character of places of public worship, the Parliament has mandated in no uncertain terms that history and its wrongs shall not be used as instruments to oppress the present and the future".

Centre remains silent

But the Centre has chosen to remain tight-lipped till date in the four-year-old case. The frozen case and the silence that surrounds it in the top court contrasts with the frenetic judicial interventions by local courts in States like Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh in civil suits challenging the origins and character of mosques.

A Rajasthan court has issued notice to the Minority Affairs Ministry and Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) in a suit filed by a Hindu organisation claiming "historical evidence" to prove that the Ajmer Sharif Dargah of Khwaja Moinuddin Chishti was built over a Shiva temple. In Sambhal district of Uttar Pradesh, a civil court *ex parte* ordered a survey after a suit was filed claiming that the Shahi Jama Masjid at Chandausi was built by Mughal emperor Babar in 1526 after demolishing a temple.

In August 2023, the top court itself did not stop a local court order to have the ASI continue with their "scientific investigation" of the Gyanvapi mosque premises in Varanasi.

In January this year, the Supreme Court had stepped in to stay an order of the Allahabad High Court, which had allowed an advocate commissioner to survey the Shahi Eidgah after claims were made that the mosque lay over Lord Krishna's birthplace.

On Friday, senior advocate Huzefa Ahmadi, appearing for the Sambhal mosque management committee, said there were at least 10 civil suits challenging the origins of mosques. These surveys were part of a "modus operandi", he submitted.

His words echoed that of the Anjuman Intazamia Masajid, the Gyanvapi mosque management committee, which had called such surveys "salami tactics" of "one slice at a time". Mr. Ahmadi has urged the court to flex the provisions of the Places of Worship Act to put a stop to such claims.

But, in one instance, when he had asked how the courts could allow such "frivolous" suits, the then Chief Justice D.Y. Chandrachud retorted, "What is frivolous for you may be faith for them... how can we comment on that?"

Integrity of electoral process severely compromised: Cong.

Election Commission functioned in a partisan manner, says CWC; Kharge says Congress must watch its political opponent 'on a daily basis', while noting that poll results are a message to set right organisational weakness and factionalism in party

Sandeep Phukan
NEW DELHI

The Congress Working Committee (CWC) on Friday said the integrity of the entire electoral process was "being severely compromised", and announced a "national'' movement to raise public concerns on the issue.

"Free and fair elections is a Constitutional mandate that is being called into serious question by the partisan functioning of the Election Commission," read the resolution adopted on Friday. "Increasing sections of society are becoming frustrated and deeply apprehensive. The party will take up the public concerns as a national movement," it added.

The CWC meeting, which went on for over four hours at the All India Congress Committee (AICC) headquarters, was attended by top party leaders, including Leader of the Opposition (LoP) in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi, general secretary (organisation) K.C. Venugopal, Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, former Union Minister P. Chidambaram, Mukul Wasnik, Jairam Ramesh, Ambika Soni, Manish Tewari and Gaurav Gogoi.

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge with party leader Rahul Gandhi during the CWC meeting in New Delhi on Friday. PTI

In his opening remarks to the CWC, party president Mallikarjun Kharge mentioned that the electronic voting machines (EVMs) were making the poll process "suspect". And that set the tone for the speakers who followed.

Veteran leader Digvijaya Singh was the first among CWC members to question the EVMs. While Rajya Sabha member Abhishek Singhvi pitched for a 100% voter-verifiable paper audit trail (VVPAT), Ms. Vadra said the party should press for a return to ballot paper.

When Shashi Tharoor argued for taking up people's issues such as inflation and unemployment, Mr. Gandhi added that "EVMs and allegations against the Adani group are also people's issues" .

At a joint press conference by Mr. Venugopal, Mr. Ramesh, and Pawan Khera, the party announced the setting up of internal committees to analyse the recent poll debacle. Party treasurer Ajay Maken, who headed the panel that shortlisted candidates for the Haryana Assembly election [which the BJP won], owned up his "mistake" for repeating all the sitting MLAs.

The AICC in-charge for Maharashtra, Ramesh Chennithala, also took responsibility for the loss.

'Tough decisions'

Doing some plain-speaking at the start of the CWC meet, Mr. Kharge focused more on the party's internal weaknesses, and talked of "tough" decisions, fixing accountability, and an election strategy that should be put into practice a year before any Assembly poll. "Our repeated defeats have allowed the fascist forces to strengthen their roots and they are capturing the institutions of the state one by one," Mr. Kharge said.

"We need to immediately learn from the election results and correct all our weaknesses and shortcomings at the organisational level. These results are a message for us."

Hitting out at factionalism, he said lack of unity and statements against each other had harmed the party a lot.

The party chief noted that though the mood was in the Congress's favour during the elections, it did not guarantee victory. "What is the reason that we are not able to take advantage of the atmosphere," he asked. Noting that the party could not achieve success by following old methods, he said the Congress should watch its political opponent "on a daily basis".

Opposition resorting to lies, misinformation, says Modi as he begins Odisha visit

Satyasundar Barik
BHUBANESWAR

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday accused the Opposition parties of conspiring against the country following their repeated failure to return to power at the Centre. He was speaking in Bhubaneswar after beginning his three-day visit to Odisha.

Narendra Modi

"The entire country is brimming with confidence following the election results in Maharashtra, Haryana, and various byelections. Odisha set the tone, while Haryana and Maharashtra followed suit. This highlights the BJP's unique strength and the dedication of its cadres," he said, addressing BJP supporters near the Biju Patnaik International Airport here.

'Frustration into anger'

"Those who believe that power is their birth right have been out of power at the Centre for the past decade. Their frustration has turned into anger against the very people who bless the other side [BJP]. Driven by this anger and insistence, they have begun conspiring against the nation, misleading citizens and steering the country in a dangerous direction," Mr. Modi said.

"Their campaign of lies and misinformation, which has been running for years, has now intensified. This poses a challenge not only for BJP workers but also for all citizens who cherish the Constitution and democratic values," he said. "We must remain vigilant at all times and keep people informed. Power-hungry individuals rely on deceit. Their sole objective is to seize power by manipulating the public."

"I have seen various shades of politics during my tenure as both CM and PM. I understand how politics works. In a democracy, ideological opposition is natural. Different perspectives on the same issue are expected, and political parties have the right to take their ideologies to the masses, helping people understand their stance. Protests and agitations, within the framework of the Constitution, are legitimate tools for parties to express their viewpoints. Such practices have existed in the past and continue today," Mr. Modi said.

"However, in recent years, the country has experienced a significant shift. The fundamental principles and spirit of the Indian Constitution are being trampled. The sanctity of democracy is being eroded," he said.

"While the Opposition focuses on criticising the BJP government day and night, the public has responded by coming out in support, recognising the party's work," Mr. Modi added.

Protests rock Parliament; Dhankhar says MPs are setting a bad precedent

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Both Houses of Parliament failed to function on Friday as the Opposition members continued their protests over the Adani indictment and other issues.

Rajya Sabha Chairperson Jagdeep Dhankhar came down heavily on the protesting MPs saying that Rule 267, under which adjournment notices are filed (to seek discussion on urgent matters), was being "weaponised" by the members to cause disruption.

Mr. Dhankhar said he got 17 notices under Rule 267 and rejected all of them. The notices pertained to the Adani indictment and violence in Manipur and Sambhal in Uttar Pradesh.

Confusion: Opposition MPs protest over the Adani and Sambhal issues in the Lok Sabha in New Delhi on Friday. ANI

Opposition protests

Before adjourning the House for the day, he said: "We have already lost three working days that should have been committed by us for a public cause... I call upon you for deep reflection. I express my deep anguish. My absolute pain is that we are creating a bad precedent and we are dishonouring the people of this country. Our actions are not people-centric. We are getting into irrelevance."

Mr. Dhankhar's statement led to further protests, with some Opposition members raising slogans against Prime Minister Narendra Modi as well.

Similar scenes were witnessed in the Lok Sabha as well. As soon as the House met for the day at 11 a.m. Opposition MPs started raising slogans and rushed into the Well. Congress MP Priyanka Gandhi Vadra joined her party colleagues in the protest.

Speaker Om Birla tried to continue with the Question Hour, but adjourned the House amid the unrelenting protests.

Since it convened for the Winter Session on November 25, Parliament has failed to function due to protests by the Opposition.

New Maharashtra CM likely to be sworn in on December 5

Vinaya Deshpande Pandit
MUMBAI

Six days into the election results, the BJP has not yet called a meeting of its MLAs-elect

A day after meeting Union Home Minister Amit Shah and BJP national president J.P. Nadda in New Delhi, where the three Mahayuti leaders were told that Maharashtra will get a BJP Chief Minister, caretaker CM and Shiv Sena chief Eknath Shinde left for his native village in Satara on Friday.

Six days into the declaration of the Assembly election results, the BJP has not yet called a meeting of its MLAs-elect nor appointed the party's legislature party leader.

However, top sources from the BJP and the Shiv Sena told *The Hindu* that the new Maharashtra Chief Minister was likely to take oath on December 5 at a ceremony at Azad Maidan.

"The BJP follows its party discipline. Two Central observers will be appointed by the party. They will come to Mumbai and will hold a meeting with the legislators. Once the leader is appointed, we will approach the Governor," a top BJP source said.

Both the Shiv Sena and the BJP gave different reasons for the delay in government formation. "We have already communicated that we are not a hindrance to the selection of the CM. We have openly taken this stance. We have declared our support to the decision of the top leadership of the BJP. So the ball lies in the BJP's court now," a top source in the Shiv Sena told *The Hindu*.

All is well, says Sena

"Everything is going well. All the top leaders are on the same page. The government formation will happen soon. There is no reason for any concern," Sena leader Uday Samant told presspersons on Friday.

A BJP leader said the process of taking everyone on board without hurting anyone was taking time.

There is no official communication as yet from the central leadership of the party about the appointment of two observers for Maharashtra.

Cong. submits memorandum to poll body

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

The Congress on Friday raised with the Election Commission serious inconsistencies in the Maharashtra Assembly election process and sought an in-person hearing to present evidence. It submitted a memorandum to the EC.

TCED/RDSS-3955/24, ESS-3871/24 & ESS-5628/24 Dated: 28.11.2024

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Sr. No.	Activity Description	Date
1.	Issue of RFP	29.11.2024
2.	Last date for submission of queries at email id: ngsuttarakhand@gmail.com	30.11.2024 @ 14:00 Hr.
3.	Starting date for submission of Bids	01.12.2024 @ 10:00 Hrs.
4.	Last Date for Submission of Bids	06.12.2024 @ 15:00 Hrs.
5.	The date for Opening of Technical Bids	06.12.2024 @ 17:00 Hrs.
6.	The date for Opening of Financial Bids	07.12.2024 @ 14:00 Hrs. (Tentative)

All the information/Corrigendum/addendum related to the project shall be published on the website **https://uktenders.gov.in** and the authority shall have to right to reject the bid partially or fully without assigning any reasons whatsoever.

CEO
National Games Secretariat
Uttarakhand

TRANSMISSION CORPORATION OF ANDHRA PRADESH LIMITED
e-Procurement TENDER NOTICE

APTRANSCO invites bids online for the following work against Spec No. APT-e-47/2024 for "Supply, Laying, Testing and commissioning for "Erection of 220/33kV GIS at Nelapadu and connected XLPE Cable and OH Linein CRDA in Guntur District on turnkey basis." Date & availability of tenders on e-procurement is **29-11-2024**. Further details can be seen in **http://www.apeprocurement.gov.in** from Phone: **9490153087, 7337383868.**

DIPR 3348PP/CL, Dt.29-11-2024 Sd/- Chief Engineer, Projects

SOUTHERN POWER DISTRIBUTION COMPANY OF TELANGANA LIMITED
TGSPDCL (erstwhile TSSPDCL)
E-Procurement Tender Notice (Paper Notification)

TGSPDCL intends to float tenders for procurement of **(1)** 11KV Polymer Pin Insulators with GI Pins (2) 11KV Polymer Insulators (C&T) (3) 33KV Polymer Pin Insulators with GI Pins (4) 33KV Polymer Insulators (B&S) (5) Thermal Spot Billing Paper Rolls (6) 11KV 400A (Conv.) DBAB Switches with Insulators (7) 11KV 60/5A CTPT Sets of 0.2S class accuracy one-procurement platform.

For further details of each item above, please visit **www.tgsouthernpower.org, www.tender.telangana.gov.in.**
Phone:040-23431360, 1033, 1035, 1026. Sd/- CHIEF ENGINEER (P&MM)

R.O.No.: 722-PP/CL-AGENCY/ADVT/1/2024-25, Date:29.11.2024

Government of Odisha,
Office of the Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Sambalpur.
E-mail Id: serwcirclesbp@yahoo.com

Bid Identification No. Building Tender Online RWCSBP-10/2024-25 No : 3433, Dated : 27.11.2024

The Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Sambalpur on behalf of Governor of Odisha invites online percentage rate Bid from experienced & eligible bidders for 01 (One) no of Building Work for the year 2024-25.

1. Name of work : Construction of 120 seated Girls Hostel Building at Pitabasha High School, Jharagogua in the District of Deogarh for the year 2024-25.
2. No of work : 01 (One) No of Building Work Details as per DTCN
3. Estimated Cost : Approximately cost Rs.263.03 lakhs
4. Class of Contractor : 'B' & 'A' Class
5. Cost of tender paper and mode of deposit : Rs.10,000/- per set.(to be deposited On-line) in favour of concerned Superintending Engineer / Executive Engineer.
6. Mode of submission of tender : Tender should be submitted only On line in website www.tendersorissa.gov.in .(https//tendersodisha.gov.in)
7. EMD and mode of deposit : 1% of estimated cost of the work to be remitted online as mentioned in DTCN.
8. Summary of Key dates are provided below :

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender online for bidding From	To	Last Date & Time for seeking clarification	Date & Time of Opening of tender Technical Bid	Financial Bid
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Sambalpur.	Building Tender Online-RWCSBP-10/2024-25	04.12.2024 at 11.00.A.M.	18.12.2024 up to 05.00 P.M.	17.12.2024 up to 5.00.P.M.	19.12.2024 at 11.00.A.M.	To be intimated later

* Further details can be seen from the e-procurement portal **www.tendersorissa.gov.in. (https//tendersodisha.gov.in)**
* Subsequent modification/ corrigendum/Addendum if required shall appear in website only.
* The amount put to bid is exclusive of GST.
* Bidder should inspect the road before bidding and quote his rate accordingly.

Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Sambalpur.
O-730 : OIPR-25091/11/0010/2425

Ph. No. 06670-235504; E_Mail: serwbpt@yahoo.com
GOVT. OF ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER, RURAL WORKS, CIRCLE, BHAWANIPATNA.
Bid Identification No.:- BPT/Online-06/2024-25 Date: 21.11.2024
NOTICE INVITING TENDERS FOR ROAD WORKS IN ODISHA NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING THROUGH e - Procurement

1. Name of the Work : Construction of Road works under MMSY-Improvement to Existing RD Roads, MMSY-TRIP and MMSY CMRL Schemes in the district Kalahandi and Nuapada.
2. No of Works : 27 Nos.
3. Location details : Kalahandi and Nuapada District
4. Estimated Cost : As per NIT
5. Period of Completion : As per NIT.
6. Cost of tender paper : Rs.10,000/- per set
7. Other details :

Availability of tender for online bidding From	To	Last date & time for seeking tender clarification	Date and time of opening of technical bid
05.12.2024 11.00 A.M.	24.12.2024 5.00 P.M.	23.12.2024	26.12.2024 at 11.00 A.M.

Further details can be seen from the web site "**www.tendersorissa.gov.in**"
Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Bhawanipatna.
O-727: OIPR-25102/11/0006/2425

NOTICE INVITING BID
Odisha State Medical Corporation Limited (OSMCL)
In front of Ram Mandir, Convent Square, Unit-III, Bhubaneswar-751001
Letter No. 8580 Date : 29.11.2024
Tel.:(0674) 2380950; Website: www.osmcl.nic.in ; Email: drugs-osmcl@gov.in
Bid Ref.No.:OSMCL/2024-25/DRUGS-DHS-RE-TENDER/08 Date : 29/11/2024

Online Bids through **e-Tender portal (https://tendersodisha.gov.in)** are invited from eligible bidders for **supply of Drugs & Medical Consumables (Re-Tender) as per the particulars mentioned below:**

Sl. No.	Particulars	Date and time	
1.	Date & time of release of bid	29/11/2024, 5.30 PM	
2.	Date & time for submission of queries by E-Mail id - **drugs-osmcl@gov.in**	03/12/2024, up to 5:00 PM	
3.	Date & time of Online bid submission	Start Date & Time	End Date & Time
		06/12/2024, 3 PM	26/12/2024, 6.00 PM
4.	Date & time for submission of Tender Documents, Tender Document Fee and EMD amount as per section-IV of tender document	Start Date & Time	End Date & Time
		27/12/2024, 10 AM	03/01/2025,11.00 AM
5.	Date & time of Online Technical bid Opening	03/01/2025, 11:15 AM	
6.	Date of opening of Price Bid	To be informed to the qualified bidders	

The bid document with all information relating to the bidding process including cost of bid document, EMDs, Prequalification criteria and terms & conditions are available in the websites: **www.osmcl.nic.in and https://tendersodisha.gov.in** . The Authority reserves the right to accept / reject any part thereof or all the bids without assigning any reason thereof. All notice will be published in the OSMCL website **www.osmcl.nic.in**. Hence the bidders are requested to visit OSMCL website **www.osmcl.nic.in** time to time for any published notice against the tender.

Sd/- Managing Director, OSMC Ltd., Odisha
CAD-1737 : OIPR-10112/11/0011/2425

INBRIEF

Railways to run over 1,300 trains for Mahakumbh Mela

An estimated 40 crore pilgrims will visit the Mahakumbh Mela, which is set to take place from January 13 to February 26, next year in Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh, the Railways said. Apart from 140 regular trains, the Railways will run 1,225 special trains during the six main ritualistic bathing days of the mela period. "In order to cater to pilgrims wishing to visit Ayodhya and Kashi, Railways plans to run fast ring MEMU service with stoppages at major stations such as Prayagraj, Prayag, Ayodhya, Varanasi, Rambagh and so on," a Railways spokesperson said. The Railways has also started a toll-free number - 1800-4199-139 - and developed a Kumbh 2025 mobile app to help pilgrims.

14 lakh Ayushman cards for senior citizens created: Centre

Approximately 14 lakh Ayushman Vay Vandana cards have been created for senior citizens aged 70 and above under the expanded Ayushman Bharat-Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) to provide free treatment benefits irrespective of their socio-economic status, Union Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare Prataprao Jadhav informed the Lok Sabha on Friday. The scheme provides cashless healthcare services related to 1961 procedures across 27 medical specialties. The Health Ministry added that as on October 31, a total of 29,870 hospitals were empanelled, including 13,173 private hospitals.

India, U.K. ink pact on electric propulsion systems for Navy

India and the U.K. signed a statement of intent (SoI) on cooperation on design and development of electric propulsion systems for the Indian Navy. This was part of the third joint working group meeting of electric propulsion capability partnership as part of efforts to promote indigenous development of niche technologies. "The SoI would serve as a broader framework intended for cooperation in the co-design, co-creation and co-production of electric propulsion capability for future naval ships. The Landing Platform Docks, planned to be built at an Indian Shipyard, are envisaged to have a full EPS," the Defence Ministry said on Friday.

L-G sacks govt. employees for 'anti-national' activities in J&K

J&K Lieutenant-Governor Manoj Sinha on Friday invoked a special Section of Article 311 and terminated the services of two government employees in J&K for "anti-national" activities, as per the report submitted by security agencies. It comes at a time when the elected government, headed by Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, has questioned such terminations. Officials said the Lieutenant-Governor invoked Article 311 (2) (c), a special provision which do not require a departmental inquiry, to sack Abdul Rehman Naika, a school teacher from Kulgam district, and Zahir Abbas, a pharmacist from Kishtwar district.

11 killed, 23 injured as bus overturns in Maharashtra's Gondia

Initial inquiry suggests the driver was speeding and lost control of the bus, says District Collector; one of the injured persons is in critical condition

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Eleven persons were killed and 23 injured after a Maharashtra State Road Transport Corporation bus overturned in Gondia district of the State on Friday, the police said.

The accident took place at Davva village around 11.30 a.m. According to preliminary information, 40 passengers were on the bus, part of the *Shiv Shahi* service, when it overturned after trying to overtake another vehicle. The bus was travelling to Gondia district from Bhandara.

"One of the injured is critical, while the rest have sustained minor injuries but are under treatment. Initial inquiry suggests the driver was speeding and lost control of the bus, leading to the mishap," District Collector Prajit Nair said.

The police said the injured have been admitted to the Gondia District Hospital.

Survivors complained that the driver was driving rashly for at least 10 km before the accident took place. The driver has been arrested.

When disaster struck: The bus was travelling to Gondia district from Bhandara when the accident took place. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The State and Union governments have announced financial assistance for the injured and the families of the deceased. While the Maharashtra Chief Minister's Office ordered the MSRTC to provide assistance of ₹10 lakh to the victims, the Prime Minister's Office announced an ex gratia of ₹2 lakh from the Prime Minister's National Relief Fund (PMNRF) for the next of kin of each deceased and ₹50,000 for the suvivors.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi posted on X: "Distressed by the loss of lives in the bus mishap in Gondia, Maharashtra. Condolences to those who lost their loved ones. May the injured recover soon. The local administration is assisting those affected."

Devendra Fadnavis, Deputy Chief Minister in the outgoing government, termed the accident "unfortunate" and offered condolences to the bereaved families.

SC allows ED officer arrested in T.N. to continue on bail

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday said it is important that State police forces retain their identity in a federal structure but also not cross the Rubicon and be used as a "dangerous" weapon against the Union government.

A Bench of Justices Surya Kant and Ujjal Bhuyyan was hearing a petition filed by the Enforcement Directorate on the arrest of their officer, Ankit Tiwari, by the Tamil Nadu Police on bribery charges. The ED had contested the State police's power to arrest and prosecute a Union government employee. The agency had argued that Mr. Tiwari was only a scapegoat, and his arrest was driven by political vendetta following the ED's action against top Ministers and politicians in sand mining cases.

The State had countered that Mr. Tiwari was caught "red-handed" taking a bribe of ₹20 lakh from a doctor in Dindigul. Senior advocate Kapil Sibal and Tamil Nadu Additional Advocate-General, senior advocate Amit Anand Tiwari, had countered that the Centre was using the ED to "target" only certain non-BJP ruled States. They said the federal structure of the country had been jeopardised by the political vindictiveness on display.

"In a federal structure, each and every component retains its identity. It will create a problem if State starts arresting Central officers always... There are different scenarios. In some cases, States would have to immediately take action. In some, it would be a problem if States go about arresting Central officers... It is very dangerous if States always have the power and it is also very dangerous if States never have the power..." Justice Kant observed orally.

Justice Kant, however, made it clear that an accused person, on the other hand, cannot choose who would investigate him. "He (Tiwari) has a right to only a fair investigation," the judge noted.

The court allowed the ED officer to continue on interim bail and remain with his family in his native Madhya Pradesh or other places.

However, he would appear before the investigating agency when called in the case and be present online every day during the trial unless his physical presence was required in the Dindigul court.

500 kg meth seized from two boats in Arabian Sea

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Days after the Indian Coast Guard recovered six tonnes of narcotics in an operation in the Andaman Sea, the Indian Navy, acting upon information from the Sri Lankan Navy, intercepted two boats in the Arabian Sea and seized 500 kg of crystal methamphetamine.

"Two boats were identified based on inputs from the Sri Lankan Navy and surveillance by naval aircraft. Subsequently, in a closely coordinated operation between the ship and the aerial assets, both boats were boarded by the ship's boarding team on November 24-25, leading to the seizure of approximately 500 kg of Crystal Meth," the Indian Navy said in a statement on Friday. The boats, along with the crew, and the seized narcotics were being handed over to the Sri Lankan authorities for further action, the Indian Navy said.

The operation reaffirmed the close partnership between the two navies, it said, adding, "It also symbolises the combined resolve of both navies to address regional maritime challenges, and ensure safety and security in the IOR."

'GDP numbers show reality different from hype created by PM'

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

The Congress on Friday slammed the government over India's economic growth slowing to a near two-year low of 5.4% in the July-September quarter of this fiscal, saying it shows that the "reality is far different from all the hype" generated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his "cheerleaders".

Congress general secretary, in-charge communications, Jairam Ramesh said Prime Minister Modi's record on economic growth remains "far worse" when compared to Manmohan Singh's tenure even after desperate "recalculations" of earlier growth data.

"GDP growth during July-Sept 2024 has slowed to 5.4%. It simply shows that the reality is far different from all the hype generated by the PM and his cheerleaders," Mr. Ramesh said in a post on X.

The Congress leader said the GDP growth has slowed to 5.4% and private investment growth is an equally anaemic 5.4%.

"Despite the much-ballyhooed PLI scheme and claims around Make in India, manufacturing growth slowed to a shocking 2.2%. Exports have decelerated to 2.8% and imports have actually contracted -2.9%, showing serious domestic weakness," he said.

India's economic growth slowed to a near two-year low of 5.4% due to poor performance of manufacturing and mining sectors, but continued to remain the fastest-growing large economy, data showed on Friday.

Scientists, industry demand passage of new Seeds Bill, changes in policy

A. M. Jigeesh
VARANASI

On the second day of the three-day National Seed Congress (NSC), scientists, experts, and industry partners asked the Centre to revisit and modernise the Seeds Bill of 2004 and the Seeds Policy of 2002 to incorporate the latest developments in the sector. At a panel discussion as part of the 13th NSC, the experts also demanded strategic interventions to face the challenges faced by the seed sector.

The Seeds Bill, introduced in Parliament in 2004, was not passed due to opposition from farmers. Experts argued that the policies must be in tune with the contemporary situation in the seeds sector and the concerns of farmers should be incorporated in the new policies.

Experts say that seed certification standards in India are much lower than international standards. PTI

"A balanced focus on innovation, farmer empowerment, and policy reforms can pave the way for a resilient and globally competitive seed industry," said Shiv Kumar Agarwal, regional coordinator of International Center for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas.

Dr. Agarwal told *The Hindu* that the Seeds Bill needs to be reworked. "The present Bill is 20 years old. Many things have changed. But it can still be sent to all stakeholders so that issues raised by farmers can be addressed. It is about working together. The public sector – the government – is good in science and the private sector is very good in taking science to the farmers. So they must join together to deliver the best products to the farmers who need them so that they can use quality seeds efficiently and affordably," Dr. Agarwal said.

Malvika Dadlani, former Joint Director of Indian Agriculture Research Institute, said the country's seed quality assurance system was weak and should be strengthened on issues such as adhering to international standards.

"Seeds Act, 1966 and Seeds Rules, 1968 have not been revised. Our seed certification standards are much lower than international standards," she said, adding that the proposed Seeds Bill was pending for too long and the existing National Seeds Policy had also not been revised. "We have to clearly define what is a farmer seed and what is a commercial seed. Defining them is very important," she said.

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(set by Gussalufz)

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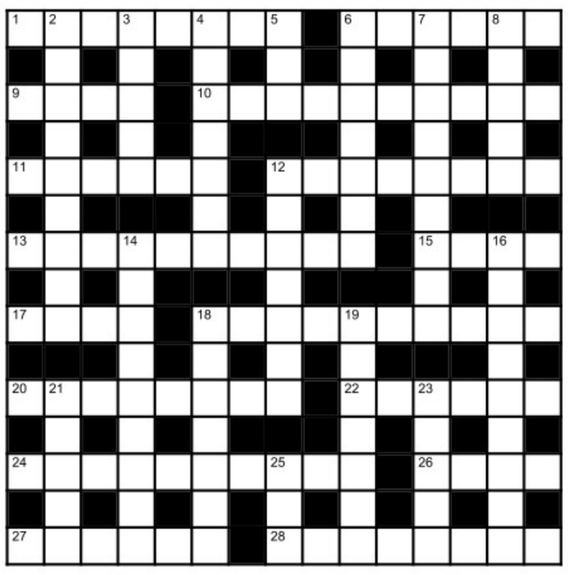

Across

1 Thoughtful boss promises to pay (8)
6 Devil of a religious fellow eyes taking 50% (6)
9 They take dips before/after the pubs (4)
10 Working out with sex? I cringe, shocked (10)
11 Guard's key or baton, essentially (6)
12 Dark pigment in meat? Ah, wrinkles (8)
13 Enclosures: fresh dairy products (no runny dip) (10)
15 Assessment: a gullible fool (4)
17 Makes watery, revolting goulash (4)
18 Verifying: no good spies left in country (10)
20 Old collector of jazz? Am in, darling! (8)
22 Fragile creature admits: "I'm small" (6)
24 "Sausages and wild strawberries, but no beer?" I teased (10)
26 Inexperienced people slip when cycling (4)
27 Reveals everything about wife's fluctuations (6)
28 Enormity of cricket almanack omitting special timeless tests (8)

Down

2 Electrify vehicle (9)
3 To an extent, kabaddi's considered a dance form (5)
4 Oscar, really? Cuddling belly of butler in public! (7)
5 Date of release oddly dropped back (3)
6 Male — offensive, carrying a touch of entitlement — has spiked drinks (7)
7 Having an eye condition, gymnast bungled one cartwheel, initially (9)
8 Lack of interest in Delhi: unnecessary uprising (5)
12 "Period Drinks": fancy bar offering port (7)
14 Regarding change of winter clothes — time to get fully updated! (9)
16 Attacks, chopping head and shoulders (9)
18 Platforms of hatred embraced by hollow politicians (7)
19 Soaked undies irritated, gripping strongly (7)
21 Slender (except its top) weapon (5)
23 Confirm chai plan conclusively with family (3,2)
25 Hack some days a week? (3)

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Build *sitril*, reach God

Children building structures out of sand and playing house, often referred to as *sitril*, or a toy house, is an ancient practice, where the 'house' built by small girls would be demolished by boys. This is not merely a social habit but has significant spiritual import. Tamil literature dating back to the Sangam era mentions *sitril*, while in Andal's Nachiyar Tirumozhi, the devotee prays earnestly that the *sitril* achieves its purpose, said Dr. Sudha Seshayyan.

Visualising herself as a small girl making a sand house, Andal prays that no harm befalls the *sitril*. "Narayana, you are the protector and as such should protect us more. But are you doing it?" she asks rhetorically. "Nityasuris praise you every day with Sahasranamam. You [Krishna] have manifested for our sake; why then you give us problems," she asks of the youthful Krishna. Getting closer to the central theme of her prayer, Andal says, "We have built this *sitril* and only if you see it will you understand why we did it, but please do not destroy it," she adds.

Periyavachan Pillai, the Vaishnavaite Acharya, in his commentary says that these girls, missing Lord Krishna, flit hither and thither; making them sit in one place is like asking the wind to stay in one spot. The frantic activity is nothing but an expression of devotion to, and search, for Him. Andal further states, "You helped Gajendra, why can't you help us?" Highlighting the importance of devotion, Andal says even if Krishna destroys the *sitril*, mischievously, they are all under his thrall, since they have a prime reason for building the small *sitril*. The purpose is not to gain small pleasures, but to attain full liberation (*moksham*) and remain at His feet, forever.

INBRIEF

Zee shareholders reject Punit Goenka reappointment

The shareholders of Zee Entertainment have rejected a proposal for the reappointment of Punit Goenka as a director of the company, according to a regulatory filing. The resolution for the re-appointment of Mr. Goenka was defeated in the 42nd AGM held on Thursday, according to Zee Entertainment Enterprises Ltd. The proposal for the reappointment of Goenka as director could get support of only 49.54% of the total number of votes cast. PTI

Zomato raises ₹8,500 crore via QIP at ₹252.62 per share

Food delivery aggregator Zomato has raised ₹8,500 crore by selling equity shares to qualified institutional investors, mainly domestic mutual fund houses, to fund its expansion and growth plans. Zomato had launched its qualified institutional placement (QIP) issue on November 25. The fund raising committee of Zomato board approved the allotment of about 33.65 crore shares to eligible qualified institutional buyers at an issue price of ₹252.62 apiece. PTI

By October, Centre's fiscal deficit touched 46.5% of target

The Centre's fiscal deficit at the end of the first seven months of financial year 2024-25 touched 46.5% of the full-year target, government data showed on Friday. In absolute terms, the fiscal deficit – the gap between government's expenditure and revenue – was at ₹7,50,824 crore during April-October period, according to Controller General of Accounts data. The deficit stood at 45% of the Budget Estimates in the corresponding period of 2023-24. PTI

'GST spurring fresh tax terrorism'

Former Chief Economic Adviser Arvind Subramanian laments the GST Council has become a rate cutting and exemption granting panel; expresses pessimism about rate simplification and hike prospects with States' Compensation Cess gone

Vikas Dhoot
NEW DELHI

Ground reality: Mr. Subramanian said unless GST rates are raised on some items, revenue growth will be a challenge. M. VEDHAN

Former Chief Economic Adviser (CEA) Arvind Subramanian, who authored an official report on the ideal 15.5% revenue-neutral rate for the Goods and Services Tax (GST) regime, said he is not very hopeful of a simplification of the complex, multiple-rate structure of the indirect tax, and lamented that the GST era has unleashed a fresh reign of "tax terrorism" across the country.

"We don't just need rationalization, which we do need, but we need an increase in the rate. We brought the rate down from 15.5% to 11% but the GST Council has become a Council that only discusses rate cuts. It has become a rate cutting committee and an exemption granting committee, and part of it is because of the of the compensation [to States] that happened, they became very lax but that phase is over," he noted on Friday.

Speaking at a session on 'The GST Story: Whither Next?', hosted by the Centre for Policy Research, Mr. Subramanian said unless tax rates are raised on some items, revenue growth will be a challenge.

"We thought the advantage of the GST Council is that, because if States were handling this on their own, if they raise rates, they would face political costs. In the GST Council, you can always blame the GST Council for raising rates, and that political economy dynamic hasn't worked out. And I am very despondent," he remarked.

Citing people's experiences with the GST regime, Mr. Subramanian said something about the GST has encouraged excessive tax demands. "In the Indian system, tax terrorism and excessive demand was always a feature, but under the GST, it seems to have gone up. I don't understand this fully, but I think because the GST gives more data, people think that governments think that they have greater legitimacy, because somehow they have more data and they say, 'Oh, there's more evasion'."

This 'tax terrorism' that the GST has introduced is something that 'we really have to focus on', the former CEA cautioned.

Core sectors' output up 3.1% in Oct.; best performance in three months

Vikas Dhoot
NEW DELHI

Coal, cement production levels hit four-month highs. AFP

Output in India's eight core infrastructure sectors, that constitute a tad over 40% of industrial production, recovered to rise 3.1% in October, the best performance in three months in terms of growth as well as absolute levels.

The Index of Core Industries (ICI) which had slumped to a 10-month low in September, recovered 3.9% on a sequential basis to a provisional number of 161.3 in October. The Commerce and Industry Ministry also revised upwards the core sectors' growth in September to 2.4% from a previously estimated 2%. This was preceded by a 1.6% contraction in the index in August, the first such shrinkage in three and a half years.

Six of eight sectors recorded an uptick in October, led by coal which grew at a four-month high pace of 7.8%. Refinery products grew 5.2%, a tad slower than the 5.8% rise in September, while Steel grew at the fastest pace in three months at 4.2%.

Electricity generation grew 0.6% from last October, inching up from September's 0.5% year-on-year growth. However, generation levels were the lowest in seven months in absolute terms.

Barring electricity, the other seven core sectors recorded a sequential rise in their absolute output levels, with steel production at a seven-month high, and cement and coal at four-month peaks.

Cement production grew 3.3% in October, while fertilisers output rose a mere 0.4%, the slowest in five months. Natural Gas production contracted year-on-year for the fourth straight month, declining 1.2% in October. Crude oil output also tanked for the sixth month in a row, with October recording the sharpest decline of 4.8% in this six-month streak.

"The construction related indicators reported mixed trends, with the growth in steel production improving, while that in cement output deteriorating between these months, although both remained muted," noted ICRA senior economist Rahul Agrawal.

Heavyweight stocks lift Sensex by 759 points

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Key equity indices gained about 1% on Friday thanks to buying in heavyweight stocks, after the previous day saw the sharpest fall in nearly two months.

The Sensex gained 759.05 points, or 0.96%, to 79,802.79, while the Nifty rose 216.95 points, or 0.91%, to 24,131.10.

The Sensex stocks that gained the most. included Bharti Airtel (4.30%), Sun Pharma (2.68%), M&M (2.38%), Adani Ports 1.94%, UltraTech (1.78%), and Reliance (1.66%).

Adani Group finance chief rejects bribery allegations

Reuters
MUMBAI/NEW DELHI

Murky waters: U.S. authorities said executives, including chairman Gautam Adani, were part of a $265-mn bribery scheme. REUTERS

The finance chief of India's Adani Group on Friday rejected U.S. allegations that executives, including chairman Gautam Adani, were part of a $265 million bribery scheme.

"We reject all of this strongly on behalf of the individuals," Adani Group chief financial officer (CFO) Jugeshinder Singh told reporters on the sidelines of an event held in Mumbai.

"We know for sure, 100%, that nothing of this sort happened. If we were paying that amount of cash to someone I would certainly know, so we know nothing happened," Mr. Singh said.

Mr. Singh said the accused individuals would clarify on the charges over the next 10 days

The U.S. authorities accused Mr. Adani, one of the world's richest people, his nephew and executive director Sagar Adani as well as managing director of Adani Green, Vneet S. Jaain, of being part of a scheme to pay bribes of $265 million to secure Indian solar power supply contracts.

Taking legal recourse

The ports-to-power conglomerate has previously denied the charges, made earlier this month, as "baseless" and vowed to seek "all possible legal recourse".

Mr. Singh said that the group would not be taking any action on the U.S. indictment, but that the accused individuals would clarify on the allegations over the next 10 days after seeking legal advice.

Gautam Adani, Sagar Adani and Vneet Jaain did not immediately respond to *Reuters*' requests for comment on the CFO's statement.

The chief financial officer also sought to allay concerns about any impact from the allegations to the group's expansion plans.

"No planned acquisition will be on hold... nothing will impact our investment plans in logistics and energy," Mr. Singh added.

VW India gets $1.4 bn tax-evasion notice

Reuters
NEW DELHI

India has issued a notice to German automaker Volkswagen for allegedly evading $1.4 billion in taxes by "willfully" paying lesser import tax on components for its Audi, VW and Skoda cars, a document shows, in what is one of the biggest such demands.

A notice dated September 30 says Volkswagen used to import "almost the entire" car in un-assembled condition – which attracts 30-35% import tax in India under rules for CKD, or completely knocked down units, but evaded levies by "mis-declaring and mis-classifying" those imports as "individual parts", paying just a 5-15% duty.

In a statement, Skoda Auto Volkswagen India said, "We are analysing the notice and extending our full cooperation to the authorities."

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	FRIDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	79,803	0.96
US Dollar	84.60	-0.15
Gold	79,400	0.88
Brent oil	73.38	0.65

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	2463.15	26.05
Adani Ports	1190.05	22.45
Apollo Hosp	6828.90	-12.20
Asian Paints	2479.60	21.55
Axis Bank	1136.30	3.80
Bajaj Auto	9033.65	20.15
Bajaj Finserv	1579.95	4.90
Bajaj Finance	6575.90	66.50
Bharat Elec	308.00	2.25
Bharti Airtel	1627.15	66.75
BPCL	292.10	1.15
Britannia Ind	4941.15	17.50
Cipla	1533.90	41.15
Coal India	416.40	1.20
Dr Reddys Lab	1202.30	10.35
Eicher Motors	4831.85	16.15
Grasim Ind	2606.25	35.80
HCL Tech	1848.05	7.15
HDFC Bank	1796.05	2.90
HDFC Life	657.75	0.05
Hero MotoCorp	4761.70	-21.80
Hindalco	656.20	5.95
Hind Unilever	2496.15	33.95
ICICI Bank	1300.10	13.75
IndusInd Bank	995.85	2.25
Infosys	1857.85	1.20
ITC	476.75	1.85
JSW Steel	966.00	11.85
Kotak Bank	1765.25	6.05
L&T	3724.80	58.75
M&M	2966.10	67.40
Maruti Suzuki	11074.20	124.35
NestleIndia	2234.65	-1.60
NTPC	363.65	1.60
ONGC	256.70	4.50
PowerGrid Corp	329.40	-4.25
Reliance Ind	1292.20	21.40
SBI Life	1437.75	9.15
State Bank	838.95	0.10
Shriram Finance Ltd.	3019.65	-24.05
Sun Pharma	1780.90	46.65
TataConsumerProduct	958.65	17.60
Tata Motors	786.45	7.00
Tata Steel	144.54	1.15
TCS	4270.85	25.95
Tech Mahindra	1712.30	-1.05
Titan	3249.00	36.65
Trent Ltd.	6795.40	52.20
UltraTech Cement	11202.15	204.35
Wipro	577.85	5.65

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on November 29

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	84.28	84.60
Euro	88.96	89.30
British Pound	106.95	107.36
Japanese Yen (100)	56.13	56.35
Chinese Yuan	11.64	11.68
Swiss Franc	95.61	95.99
Singapore Dollar	62.86	63.11
Canadian Dollar	60.14	60.37
Malaysian Ringitt	18.94	19.04

Source:Indian Bank

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TENDER NOTICE

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No.	Tender ID	Item
1.	2024_KMML_709004_1	For the supply of High Alumina Refractory Bricks/ Refractory Bricks
2.	2024_KMML_710380_1	For the supply of Bucket Elevator-1 No
3.	2024_KMML_702309_1	Supply and installation of Brick lining inside Calciner
4.	2024_KMML_710965_1	For the supply of PTFE Lined Plug Valves

Chavara 29.11.2024 Sd/- Managing Director for The Kerala Minerals and Metals Ltd.

CENTRAL ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
6th, 7th, & 8th Floor, Tower-B, World Trade Centre, Nauroji Nagar, New Delhi-110029

Petition No. 407/TD/2024 Dated: 27.11.2024

NOTICE UNDER CLAUSE (a) OF SUB-SECTION (5) OF SECTION 15 OF THE ELECTRICITY ACT, 2003 (the Act)

An application for the grant of a Category-V licence for inter-State trading in electricity across India has been made before the Commission by Avaada Power Trading Private Limited, 910/19, Suryakiran, Kasturba Gandhi Marg, New Delhi-110001.

2. A copy of the application, along with its annexures and enclosures, made by the applicant for the grant of an inter-State trading licence to Avaada Power Trading Private Limited Private Limited before the Commission can be accessed at the website www.avaada.com or inspected by any person in the Commission's office by following the laid down procedure.

3. On consideration of the material available on record, the Commission is satisfied that prima facie the applicant qualifies for the grant of a licence for inter-State trading in electricity and by order dated 25.11.2024, the Commission has proposed to grant a Category-V licence to the applicant for inter-State trading in electricity across India.

4. Notice is hereby given in pursuance of clause (a) of sub-section (5) of Section 15 of the Act to invite suggestions or objections, if any, to the proposal to grant the licence for inter-State trading in electricity as aforesaid by the Commission to be received by the undersigned latest by **11.12.2024** at the above noted address. The objections or suggestions received after the specified date shall not be considered.

5. The Commission has fixed the application for final disposal on **13.12.2024** and the person who files the suggestions or objections may in his discretion attend the hearing, for which no TA/DA shall be paid by the Commission.

Sd/-
(Harpreet Singh Pruthi)
Secretary

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NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

Tender No.	Scope of Work	Due date
242513 004750	Procurement of Debarked Eucalyptus pulpwood from open market sources of Andhra Pradesh to TNPL Unit - I, Kagithapuram, Karur Dist.	13.12.2024
242523 002982	Procurement of Debarked Eucalyptus pulpwood from open market sources of Karnataka to TNPL Unit - II, Mondipatti, Trichy Dist.	14.12.2024
242513 004749	Fixing rate & contractors for extraction of debarked Senna spectabilis pulpwood and removal bark from the harvested stumps to avoid coppicing at Udhagai division & Dindigul division to TNPL Unit - I & II.	10.12.2024
Email	purchase.wood@tnpl.co.in	

Corrigendum if any will be issued in TNPL Website only. Detailed requirements, Period, Terms & conditions, Tender fee, EMD, etc., are available in the tender document which can be downloaded from website: www.tnpl.com

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BESCOM invites tenders against enquiry No: **BESCOM/2024-25/SE0225** for "Providing Communication Solution and Technology for SCADA operations of SPB remote devices petaining to South zone of BMAZ" and against enquiry No: **BESCOM/2024-25/SE0226** for "Supply, Install, Test, Commission and Integration of Communication Equipment for SCADA operations of SPB with Control Centres Equipment and remote devices pertaining to North zone of BMAZ".

Bid Documents will be available: 02.12.2024, 16:00 Hrs onwards. **Last date for Submission of queries:** 12.12.2024 upto 11:00 Hrs. **Last date for Bid Submission:** 01.01.2025 upto 16:00 Hrs. **Bid Documents will be opened on:** 03.01.2025, 11:00 Hrs.

The Tenders can be obtained through KPP portal from the website: https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in. Aspiring bidders need to register on KPP Portal. Bidder can take the assistance of KPP helpdesk: +91 80 46010000, +91 80 68948777 or email: support@eprochelpdesk.com.

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The General Manager (DAS), BESCOM

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Krishnapatnam Custom House is **Conducting Manual Bidding for Sale of 12,32,500 Sq ft of wallpaper** at the Office of the Joint Commissioner, Krishnapatnam Custom House, KAPS Building, Muthukur Mandal, Nellore District **on 10.12.2024.** Interested buyers shall submit a **DD for Rs.5,00,000/-** drawn towards caution money in favor of the Joint Commissioner, Krishnapatnam Custom House. The details of the auction including terms and conditions can be checked on the websites viz., www.cbic.gov.in and https://apcustoms.gov.in/. For any information/assistance, interested buyers may contact

Shri C.Vijayabhaskar, AC (Mobile: 9848151689),
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Government of Rajasthan
Office Joint Director Agriculture (Plant Pathology)
State Bio Fertilizer Quality Control Laboratory
Durgapura, Jaipur
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The Joint Director Agriculture (Plant Pathology) SBQCL, Durgapura, Jaipur invites following online bid from the eligible bidder :-

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Supply & installation of Laboratory Equipments, Furnitures and Lab Items from Manufactures or their Authorized Distributors/ Dealers/Retailers for the use in Various "Departmental IPM and SBQCL Laboratories under Department of Agriculture, Government of Rajasthan."	RS 128.108 Lakh (Rupees One Hundred Twenty Eight Lakh And Ten thousand Eight hundred only)	21-11-2024 10.00 AM	11-12-2024 06.00 PM

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(Madhu Lata Singh)
DIPR/C/11805/2024 Joint Director Agriculture (Plant Pahology)

KERALA WATER AUTHORITY
E-TENDER NOTICE

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निदेशक / Director

KYIV

Russia fires over 100 drones at Ukraine, one dead, Kyiv says

REUTERS

Russia launched more than a hundred drones at Ukraine overnight and early Friday, killing one person and wounding eight others, officials said. Moscow fired 132 drones overnight, of which "88 drones were shot down" and "41 were lost, presumably due to defence countermeasures", Ukraine's Air Force said. AFP

DUBAI

Iran to enrich uranium with advanced centrifuges, says IAEA

GETTY IMAGES

Iran will begin enriching uranium with thousands of advanced centrifuges at its two main nuclear facilities at Fordo and Natanz, the United Nations' nuclear watchdog IAEA said on Friday, further raising tensions over Tehran's programme as it enriches at near weapons-grade levels. AP

BEIRUT

Hezbollah chief says group scored 'divine victory' in war against Israel

AFP

The head of Lebanese armed group Hezbollah, Naim Qassem, said in a televised address on Friday that the group had scored a "divine victory" against Israel even greater than that declared after the two foes last fought in 2006. It was Qassem's first address since a ceasefire deal this week ended the Israel-Hezbollah war. REUTERS

TAIPEI

Taiwan detects 41 Chinese military jets, ships ahead of Lai's U.S. visit

REUTERS

Taiwan said on Friday it detected 41 Chinese military aircraft and ships around the island ahead of a Hawaii stopover by President Lai Ching-te, part of a Pacific tour that has sparked fury in Beijing. Mr. Lai, an outspoken defender of Taiwan's sovereignty and whom China calls a "separatist", departs on Saturday on his trip. AFP

Bangladeshi politicians urge calm after sectarian clash raises tension

BNP secretary general condemns unrest, attributing it to a 'defeated fascist group'; Jamaat leader echoes concerns about destabilisation, while Hefazat-e-Islam demands a ban on ISKCON, alleging that it is a front to return Sheikh Hasina to power

Agence France-Presse
DHAKA

Bangladesh's leading political parties have called for calm following widespread unrest in the country triggered by the killing of a lawyer during clashes between Hindu protesters and security forces.

Public prosecutor Saiful Islam Alif died on Tuesday as angry supporters of outspoken Hindu leader Chinmoy Krishna Das Brahmachari – arrested for allegedly disrespecting the Bangladeshi flag during a rally – battled with police when he was denied bail.

Religious relations have been turbulent in the Muslim-majority nation of 170 million people since student-led protests in August toppled ex-Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, who then left to neighbouring India.

Ongoing unrest: Members of Hefazat-e-Islam during a protest rally demanding a ban on ISKCON in Dhaka on Friday. AFP

The Bangladeshi National Party (BNP) and Jamaat-e-Islami – Ms. Hasina's two main opponents during her 15-year tenure – have urged restraint.

BNP secretary general Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir was quoted on Friday by the daily *Prathom Alo* as having said that a "defeated fascist group" was behind the latest flare-up, a reference to Ms. Hasina's Awami League.

Shafiqur Rahman of Jamaat blamed the ongoing unrest on a "vested group plotting to destabilise the country".

Street protests have nonetheless been called to demand a ban on the International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON), that Mr. Das reportedly belonged to.

Hefazat-e-Islam, a collective of Islamic seminaries, held a rally on Friday to demand the group's prohibition, alleging it was a front to return Ms. Hasina to power on behalf of India, her ousted government's biggest benefactor.

However, ISKCON denies any connections to Mr. Das. "We expelled Chinmoy long before the case was filed against him for breaching ISKCON's discipline," the group's Bangladesh president Satya Ranjan Barai said.

Meanwhile, Bangladesh's financial authorities have ordered freezing for 30 days the bank accounts of 17 people associated with ISKCON, including Mr. Das, according to media reports.

Bangladesh Bank's Financial Intelligence Unit (BFIU) sent these directives to different banks and financial institutions on Thursday, suspending all types of transactions in these accounts, *Prothom Alo* reported.

(With PTI inputs)

Tories ran 'open borders experiment', says Starmer

Sriram Lakshman
LONDON

U.K. Prime Minister Keir Starmer accused Conservative governments before him of conducting an experiment with open borders and allowing record high migration intentionally, after official migration data released on Thursday showed that net migration to the U.K. was 9,06,000 in the year ending June 2023. The figure had been revised upwards from initial estimates. Mr. Starmer vowed to "turn the page" on migration as he promised stricter policies.

Tough stance: Keir Starmer attends a press conference on migration at 10 Downing Street, London, on Thursday. AFP

Indians were the largest group of migrants in the non-EU category for work (116,000) and study (127,000); any policy changes would likely impact Indian citizens. The other highly represented countries, in descending order, were Nigeria, Pakistan, China and Zimbabwe.

"Policies were reformed, deliberately, to liberalise immigration. Brexit was used for that purpose: to turn Britain into a one-nation experiment in open borders," Mr. Starmer said at a press conference on Thursday.

"Because a failure on this scale isn't just bad luck... this happened by design, not accident," he said, as he accused Conservative governments who were in power from 2010 to 2014 of using Britain's exit from the EU, i.e, Brexit, as a tool to liberalise migration.

Current migration levels are significantly higher than the pre-pandemic net migration figure of 2,24,000 in June 2019 and before migration curbs kicked in, in early 2021, due to Britain's exit from the EU.

The Office of National Statistics (ONS) data released for the year ending June 2024, when Conservative Prime Minister Rishi Sunak was in power, showed a decline of 20% to 7,28,000 from the previous year. The fall is mostly explained by the Sunak government's curbs on students and care workers bringing family members to the U.K. and higher salary thresholds for migrants.

The latest date ending June 2024 only account for a few months of those policies which were announced earlier this year.

First step

"I know we have got a lot of work to do, but the first step is to accept that mistakes were made...," Conservative Party leader Kemi Badenoch said in a speech in London on Thursday.

'Stopping the small boats' – ending the entry of undocumented migrants through the English Channel – was one of the Sunak government's pledges in addition to clamping down on legal migration.

The number of those claiming asylum was a minor part of the overall numbers – 91,000 in the year ending June 2023 and down to 84,000 in the year ending June 2024. U.K. Home Office data showed the [Conservative] government spent £5.38 billion on asylum in 2023-24, an increase from the previous year.

"Now they [the Conservatives] want to wave it away with a simple 'We got it wrong,'" Mr. Starmer said.

The Labour government would "turn the page", Mr. Starmer said, as he promised a White Paper on migration and to reform the point-based visa system. The Prime Minister said the government would crack down on visa abuse, with employers who break rules being barred from hiring overseas workers.

Some of Mr. Starmer's comments on Thursday appeared to echo U.S. President-elect Donald Trump whose campaign focused on the economy and security and the border.

"You know, what people want from politics is not unreasonable. They want order and security. Borders that we control. An NHS (National Health Service) that protects you. An economy that offers secure work and good opportunities," Mr. Starmer said.

British lawmakers give initial nod to Bill allowing terminally ill to end their lives

Agence France-Presse
LONDON

U.K. lawmakers voted on Friday in favour of assisted dying for terminally ill people in England and Wales, advancing the emotive and contentious legislation to the next stage of parliamentary scrutiny.

Campaign group Dignity in Dying hailed the result as a "historic step towards greater choice and protection for dying people", but Christian Concern called it a "very Black Friday for the vulnerable in this country". MPs voted by 330 to 275 in support of legalised euthanasia in the first vote on the issue in the House of Commons for nearly a decade. The result followed an emotionally charged debate that lasted almost five hours in a packed and hushed chamber, and as competing protesters made their voices heard outside Parliament.

Historic move: Campaigners react after a parliamentary vote was passed in support of assisted dying in London on Friday. AP

The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill now progresses to the next stage where lawmakers can propose amendments, a process likely to be vexed. The legislation would then face further votes in the Commons and House of Lords upper chamber.

The process will likely take months and if it is ultimately passed then a change in the law is expected to be several years away.

Insurgents in Syria push their advance to Aleppo

Associated Press
BEIRUT

Thousands of Syrian insurgents pushed on with their advances on government-held areas in the country's northwest, reaching the outskirts of Syria's second largest city Aleppo.

Syria's state media said projectiles from insurgents landed in the student accommodations at Aleppo's university in the city centre, killing four people, including two students.

Sport

Champions Trophy venue: the impasse continues

Amol Karhadkar
MUMBAI

The International Cricket Council (ICC) Board meeting to discuss the fate of the Champions Trophy was adjourned on Friday, with the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) standing firm on opposing the hybrid model that was put on the table.

Short meeting

Even though a two-hour window was set aside for the virtual meeting of 15 ICC Board members – all of whom are understood to have joined – the meeting lasted approximately 20 minutes.

The PCB is understood to have been presented with two options.

The first option was to play the tournament on a hybrid model with Pakistan hosting a majority of games and the India games, including its knockouts (subject to qualification), being scheduled in the United Arab Emirates.

The other option was to move the tournament either to UAE or South Africa, with Pakistan retaining the hosting rights.

The PCB is understood to have told the ICC Board that it will consult internally and will ask for the meeting to be reconvened at the earliest.

Divine Art primed to deliver in Bangalore 1000 Guineas

BENGALURU: Divine Art, who is in fine nick, may score an encore in the Bangalore 1000 Guineas (1,600m), the first classic event of the season to be held here on Saturday (Nov. 30). There will be no false rails.

1 BECKET PLATE (1,100m), maiden 2-y-o only, (Terms), 2-00 p.m.: 1. The Commander (5) L.A. Rozario 56, 2. Vibrant Bliss (1) Antony 56, 3. Allegro Dance (2) Sandesh 54.5, 4. Ashwa Jimbabe (7) P. Siddaraju 54.5, 5. Ashwa Kali Bhani (8) Suraj 54.5, 6. Eternal Glory (3) Rayan 54.5, 7. Hackathon (6) M. Rajesh K 54.5, 8. Mutual Trust (–) (–) 54.5 and 9. Mystic Charm (4) Saddam H 54.5.
1. VIBRANT BLISS, 2. ASHWA KALI BHANI, 3. ALLEGRO DANCE

2 NAGARJUNA SAGAR PLATE (DIV. II), (1,400m), rated 20 to 45, 4-y-o & over, 2-30: 1. Prophecy (7) Sandesh 60, 2. Treasure Chest (1) Srinath 60, 3. Peridot (3) L.A. Rozario 59.5, 4. Cat Whiskers (2) Akshay K 58.5, 5. Asagiri (5) Suraj 57.5, 6. Altamonte (6) Jagadeesh 56.5, 7. Glow In The Dark (8) R. Ravi 56, 8. Turkoman (9) P. Siddaraju 56 and 9. Infinite Spirit (4) Shreyas S 55.5.
1. TREASURE CHEST, 2. PROPHECY, 3. ASAGIRI

3 MUTHYALAMADUVU PLATE (1,600m), rated 20 to 45, 3-00: 1. Continues (3) A. Ramu 60, 2. Defence Counsel (7) R. Pradeep 60, 3. Southernaristocrat (8) Arvind K 59.5, 4. Dr Ash (2) L.A. Rozario 59, 5. Pettes Love (5) M. Naveen 59, 6. Queen Of Kings (6) M. Prabhakaran 59, 7. Rise And Reign (4) Suraj 59, 8. Posthaste (9) S. Sachin 58.5 and 9. Empress Bella (1) Antony 55.
1. RISE AND REIGN, 2. DR ASH, 3. CONTINUES

4 KEMPEGOWDA TROPHY (1,100m), rated 40 to 65, 3-30: 1. La Mcqueen (5) Antony 61, 2. Dynamic Force (3) A. Prakash 58, 3. lL Volo (6) Shreyas S 58, 4. Crimson Flame (10) Akshay k 56.5, 5. Star Admiral (1) Rayan 54, 6. Flight On (11) Trevor 53, 7. Instructor (8) R. Pradeep 53, 8. Bold Act (4) Arshad 51, 9. Redouble (9) L.A. Rozario 51, 10. Dhanteras (2) A. Ramu 50 and 11. Immortal Beauty (7) P. Siddaraju 50.
1. FLIGHT ON, 2. CRIMSON FLAME, 3. LA MCQUEEN

5 BANGALORE 1000 GUINEAS (1,600m), 3-y-o Fillies only (Terms), 4-00: 1. Art Of Romance (1) Trevor 57, 2. Disciple (3) Antony 57, 3. Divine Art (2) Suraj 57, 4. Golden Glory (4) M. Prabhakaran 57, 5. Mumtaz (5) G. Vivek 57, 6. Regal Reality (6) Akshay K 57 and 7. Scarlette Lady (7) Mukesh K 57.
1. DIVINE ART, 2. REGAL REALITY

6 CHINTAMANI SKATES (1,200m), rated 40 to 65, 5-y-o & over, 4-30: 1. Golden Time (1) Antony 60, 2. Aherne (2) Darshan 59.5, 3. Maple Leaf (3) Srinath 58.5, 4. Lauterbrunnen (8) M. Rajesh K 56, 5. Own Legacy (4) Shreyas S 55, 6. Solo Prince (7) G. Vivek 53, 7. Star Comet (5) Rayan 52 and 8. Lex Luthor (6) Arshad 51.
1. GOLDEN TIME, 2. MAPLE LEAF, 3. AHERNE

7 NAGARJUNA SAGAR PLATE (DIV. I), (1,400m), rated 20 to 45, 4-y-o & over, 5-00: 1. Sekhmet (4) G. Vivek 62, 2. Brave Majesty (9) Akshay K 61.5, 3. The Grey Geranium (7) M. Naveen 61.5, 4. Smile Of Beauty (2) Tousif 61, 5. Super Marvella (8) Srinath 60.5, 6. Lone Ranger (5) Sandesh 59.5, 7. Pharazon (6) L.A. Rozario 59.5, 8. The Golden Dream (3) A. Ramu 57.5 and 9. Springsteen (1) Antony 57.
1. LONE RANGER, 2. SUPER MARVELLA, 3. BRAVE MAJESTY

Day's best: **LONE RANGER**

Double: **RISE AND REIGN – DIVINE ART**

Jkt: 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7; Tr (i): 2, 3 and 4; (ii): 5, 6 and 7.

De Villiers takes honours in Hyderabad Silver Vase

BENGALURU: S. Attaollahi-trained De Villiers (P. Trevor up) won the Hyderabad Silver Vase (1,600m), the feature event of the races held here on Friday (Nov 29). The winner is owned by Mr. Marthand Singh Mahindra, Mrs. Rina Mahindra, Mr. Rama Seshu Eyunni & Mr. P. Prabhakar Reddy.

THE RESULTS:

1. NOVEMBER PLATE (DIV. II), (1,200M): EASTERN GOLD (Akshay K) 1. Windcleaver (Antony) 2, Anzac Parade (L.A. Rozario) 3 and Grey Impact (G. Vivek) 4. 8-1/4, 7-1/2 and 3. 1m, 12.31s. ₹16 (w), 12, 10 and 20 (p), SHP: 24, THP: 53, FP: 24, Q: 15, Trinella: 100/96, Exacta: 248/102. Favourite: Eastern Gold.

Owner: Mr. Mukul A. Sonawala. Trainer: Parvati Byramji.

2. NOVEMBER PLATE (DIV. I), (1,200M): LADYLION (Kiran Rai) 1, Real Happiness (Trevor) 2, River Deep (A. Ramu) 3 and Divine Protector (R. Pradeep) 4. Hd, 1-3/4 and Nk. 1m, 12.92s. ₹62 (w), 12, 10 and 41 (p), SHP: 26, THP: 76, FP: 190, Q: 73, Trinella: 1,369/1,515, Exacta: 18,149/23,335. Favourite: Real Happiness.

Owner: Mr. Ramesh R. Trainer: Sriram Komandur.

3. HYDERABAD SILVER VASE (1,600M): DE VILLIERS (Trevor) 1, Champions Way (Suraj) 2, Kalamitsi (Sandesh) 3 and West Brook (Akshay K) 4. 3/4, 1-1/4 and 7-1/4. 1m, 35.31s. ₹67 (w), 22 and 11 (p), SHP: 28, THP: 25, FP: 149, Q: 78, Trinella: 429/253, Exacta: 481/122. Favourite: Champions Way.

Owners: Mr. Marthand Singh Mahindra, Mrs. Rina Mahindra, Mr. Rama Seshu Eyunni & Mr. P. Prabhakar Reddy. Trainer: S. Attaollahi.

4. Y.S. SURENDER MEMORIAL TROPHY (1,400M): BLUE GOD (Antony) 1, Iron King (Akshay K) 2, Mazal Tov (Srinath) 3 and Mystikos (Sandesh) 4. Not run: Corinthian and Joon. 1-1/2, Shd and 1. 1m, 25.09s. ₹21 (w), 10, 11 and 15 (p), SHP: 32, THP: 37, FP: 101, Q: 65, Trinella: 253/72, Exacta: 325/113. Favourite: Blue God.

Owners: Gainsville Stud & Agrl Farm Pvt Ltd rep. by Mr. Gautam Lala, Mr. Kishore Rungta & Mr. Saleem Fazelbhoy. Trainer: Arjun Mangalorkar.

5. GODAVARI PLATE (1,400M): SCHAFENBERG (P. Mani) 1, Ice Storm (M. Rajesh K) 2, Burning Arrow (P. Siddaraju) 3 and Sacred Creator (Angad) 4. Not run: Akasi and Recreator. 4-1/2, 3/4 and Nk. 1m, 27.86s. ₹37 (w), 22 and 31 (p), SHP: 43, THP: 66, FP: 181, Q: 129, Trinella: 3,101/1,208, Exacta: 3,803/1,120. Favourite: Sacred Creator.

Owner: Mr. Kumaraswamy M.S. Trainer: Neil Devaney.

6. KUNCHIKAL FALLS PLATE (1,100M): CLASSIC CHARM (Rayan) 1, Baltimore (Shreyas S) 2, Mega Success (Jagadeesh) 3 and Breeze Bluster (P. Siddaraju) 4. 1/2, 1/2 and 1/2. 1m, 07.01s. ₹58 (w), 21, 13 and 20 (p), SHP: 33, THP: 54, FP: 214, Q: 70, Trinella: 665/570, Exacta: 3,268/1,587. Favourite: Baltimore.

Owner: Dr. M.A.M. Ramaswamy Chettiar of Chettinad Charitable Trust rep. by Dr. A.C. Muthiah. Trainer: S. Ganapathy.

Jackpot: ₹85,184 (three tkts.); Runner-up: 6,085 (18 tkts.); Treble (i): 710 (nine tkts.); (ii): 1,004 (21 tkts.).

RACES CANCELLED

The Stewards of Hyderabad Race Club have resolved to cancel the races scheduled on Monday, December 2, due to paucity of acceptors.

THE REVIVAL

Brook's century helps England fight back in Christchurch

AP

Harry Brook smashed a century to drag England back into the first Test at Christchurch on Friday, driving the tourists to 319 for five chasing New Zealand's first innings total of 348 on day two. **The scores:** NZ 348 in 91 overs (Latham 47, Williamson 93, Phillips 58 n.o., Carse 4/64, Bashir 4/69) vs England 319/5 in 74 overs (Duckett 46, Brook 132 batting, Pope 77).

RIGHT ON TOP

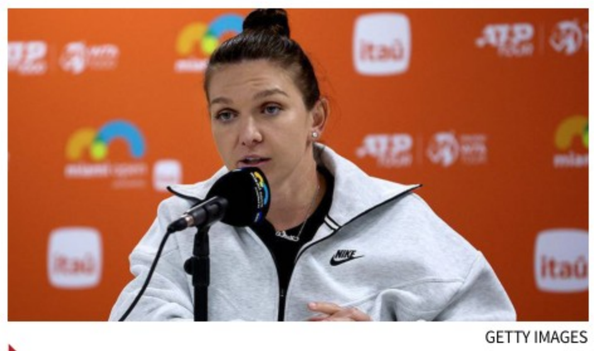
South Africa calls the shots again, moves closer to victory in first Test

AFP

South Africa was on course to victory after the third day of the first Test at Kingsmead in Durban on Friday. Chasing a target of 516, Sri Lanka was 103 for five in its second essay. **The scores:** South Africa 191 & 366/5 decl. in 100.4 overs (Markram 47, Stubbs 122, Bavuma 113) vs. Sri Lanka 42 & 103/5 in 31 overs.

DISPLEASED

Halep rounds on tennis doping body for Swiatek leniency



GETTY IMAGES

Romania's Simona Halep on Friday rounded on the International Tennis Integrity Agency (ITIA) for discrepancies in the treatment of World No. 2 Iga Swiatek after testing positive for a banned substance. "I wonder why there is such a difference in treatment and judgment? I don't find and I don't think there can be a logical answer," Halep said.

CONTRASTING WINS

Steelers too good for Thalaivas; Paltan edge past Giants

SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Haryana Steelers posted a commanding 42-30 victory over Tamil Thalaivas in a PKL match in Noida on Friday. The Steelers' clinical performance demonstrated why they currently top the league table. Puneri Paltan edged out Gujarat Giants 34-33 in a thrilling contest in the day's other match.

Gukesh, Ding play out a draw in fourth game

A stalemate after repetition of moves; Indian GM holds his own with black pieces; defending champion reveals that he wanted to surprise his opponent with the choice of opening

FIDE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP SINGAPORE 2024

P.K. Ajith Kumar

Holding on: Gukesh, with the black pieces, kept Ding at bay. FIDE

Viswanathan Anand almost smiled, and pushed the pawn in front of the black king by two squares. He was making a ceremonial move for D. Gukesh.

That could well be one of the enduring images from the World chess championship in Singapore – Anand, the man who inspired a country to take up chess and then mentored a bunch of big talents, standing beside the boy who could be king, on the biggest stage of world chess.

Gukesh did no harm to his chances towards achieving that goal. He drew the fourth game with black pieces with Ding Liren at Resorts World Sentosa on Friday.

He must have been the happier of the two, as he denied the defending champion any advantage he may have hoped for with white pieces. The score is now 2-2 in this best-of-14 match.

Ding yet again did manage to surprise Gukesh with his choice of opening. He began by taking his knight to the f3 square. The opening would turn into a reversed version of Queen's Indian Defence.

Gukesh would later admit that he wasn't expecting that from Ding and that he had to reply to White's moves over the board, and not from preparation. He did that rather well, though. It had become obvious that Ding would not mind a draw with white pieces, for the second straight time in the match.

On his 16th move, he chose to take his knight to the 'f3' square, rather than a sharper line involving his light-squared bishop.

The following move saw the knights being exchanged. That was the beginning of the simplification of the position, as more pieces were traded.

The queens left the board by the 36th move and the players reached a rook-and-pawn ending that was clearly going to be drawn.

Four moves later, the game was indeed drawn, as the same position was repeated three times.

It was quite an even game in just about every aspect. For the first time in the match, there was equality on the clock: neither player had to be worried about the time pressure.

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Accuracy level similar

The accuracy level was also pretty similar, about 99%.

After the game, Ding said that he had wanted to surprise Gukesh.

"I had a day to recover after a tough loss (in the third game) and wanted to surprise my opponent with this opening idea," he said. "And it worked well. It was not so bad."

Neither was it for Gukesh.

GAME 4 MOVES

Ding vs. Gukesh

1. Nf3 d5 2. e3 Nf6 3. b3 Bf5 4. Be2 h6 5. Ba3 Nbd7 6. O-O e6 7. Bxf8 Nxf8 8. c4 N8d7 9. Nc3 O-O 10. cxd5 exd5 11. b4 c6 12. Nd4 Bh7 13. Qb3 Ne5 14. a4 Rc8 15. a5 b6 16. Nf3 Nxf3+ 17. Bxf3 d4 18. Ne2 dxe3 19. dxe3 Be4 20. Rfd1 Qe7 21. Bxe4 Nxe4 22. axb6 axb6 23. Nc3 Rfd8 24. Nxe4 Qxe4 25. h3 c5 26. Rxd8+ Rxd8 27. bxc5 bxc5 28. Rc1 Qe5 29. Qc2 Rd5 30. g3 f5

31. Kg2 Kh7 32. Qc4 Qd6 33. e4 Re5 34. exf5 Rxf5 35. Qe4 Qd5 36. Qxd5 Rxd5 37. Kf3 Kg6 38. Ke4 Rd4+ 39. Ke3 Rd5 40. Ke4 Rd4+ 41. Ke3 Rd5 42. Ke4 Rd4+

Game drawn

A dress rehearsal for India before the pink ball test

INDIA IN AUS

K.C. Vijaya Kumar
CANBERRA

Trial time: Skipper Rohit will look to find his range leading into the second Test. AFP

A feathery rain wrapped the Manuka Oval in a moist blanket here on Friday. In Australia's capital, past leafy roads, across a red-brick vintage church, with an old battle tank nearby, the cricketing venue geared up for the two-day warm-up fixture pitting the visiting Indians against the Prime Minister's XI.

The damp weather was laidback enough to allow Rohit Sharma's men train ahead of their weekend game. Some fans besides the media had access to the nets, which were located outside the venue and close to the road. "Bagunnara? (all good?)," asked an eager lady in Telugu to Nitish Kumar, who replied in the affirmative.

There was an ease to the practice sessions but there was no mistaking the focus. The spotlight was on two individuals: Rohit and Shubman Gill. Returning after a paternity break and participating in his second nets of the tour, Rohit seemed fine. The bat moved in sync as the pink ball thudded into the willow.

Gill in focus

Meanwhile, Gill, recovering from a left thumb injury, warmed up against gentle throw-downs before the pace was increased and he shifted to the conventional stage and squared up against spin and seam. He looked in good shape and more clarity on his fitness should emerge if he plays here on Saturday and Sunday. All the other members ranging from Virat Kohli to Harshit Rana, also went through their drills.

Leading the Border-Gavaskar Trophy series at 1-0 following the 295-run victory at Perth, India is on the ascendant. And the game here should help the unit to offer a match-feel to all its members who will take turns to play. In these days of packed schedules, a contest like this is a rare indulgence but it will serve India well as the day-and-night outing will be a dress rehearsal for the second Test at Adelaide under lights.

There is a forecast for rain but hopefully both teams will get enough time to play well. For India, it is about one more routine to check if all the cogs are working well, while for the rival, the face-off offers another chance to both established stars like Scott Boland and Matt Renshaw, and under-19 heroes.

Led by Jack Edwards, the Prime Minister's XI has an onerous task ahead but coach Tim Paine felt that his wards have it in them to compete.

"There is a belief that Australia lacks depth but it is false, there is enough talent out here," he said. The former Australian captain, however, added that playing against Jasprit Bumrah will not be easy. Sipping a hot beverage, Paine left in a car, just as the Indians trooped in.

In a pastoral setting, fringed by old trees, and the odd rabbit hopping around, India will get down to the business of extending its good form on Australian shores. During a long tour, every step matters. And this joust at a quaint ground is no exception.

The teams (from):

India: Rohit Sharma (Capt.) Jasprit Bumrah (Vice-capt.), Yashasvi Jaiswal, Virat Kohli, Devdutt Padikkal, Shubman Gill, K.L. Rahul, Abhimanyu Easwaran, Sarfaraz Khan, Rishabh Pant (wk), Dhruv Jurel (wk), R. Ashwin, Ravindra Jadeja, Washington Sundar, Mohammed Siraj, Nitish Reddy, Akash Deep, Prasidh Krishna and Harshit Rana.

Prime Minister's XI: Jack Edwards (Capt.), Charlie Anderson, Mahli Beardman, Scott Boland, Jack Clayton, Aidan O'Connor, Ollie Davies, Jayden Goodwin, Sam Harper, Hanno Jacobs, Sam Konstas, Lloyd Pope, Matt Renshaw and Jem Ryan.

Play starts at 9.10 a.m. IST.

A 'sweet headache' to have: Nayar

K.C. Vijaya Kumar
CANBERRA

A nip in the air was obvious and while the Indians wound up their training, assistant coach Abhishek Nayar, clad in a pullover and with hands dug into his pockets, spoke about the 'sweet headache' associated with the team. With Rohit Sharma back and Shubman Gill revealing signs of recovery from his left thumb injury, the question was centred around the selection headaches in the forthcoming Tests.

After a prefatory 'mike check, may the sun shine on all of us' prelude at the Manuka Oval here on Friday, Nayar said: "It is a sweet headache. It is good to have them (Rohit and Gill) back."

Be it the last word on Gill's fitness or Rohit's probable slot in the playing XI, Nayar remained guarded. He was, however, happy with the manner in which the Indians trained: "It was raining but the good thing is that everyone was keen to play. Even in the rain, everyone batted. Whether it's a pink or a red ball, there's not much difference. We are trying to adapt to the colour and the extra lacquer on the ball in this (warm-up) game."

On monitoring the bowlers' workload through a long series, Nayar said that after the early closure of the Perth Test there was adequate rest.

As for the tough call to drop R. Ashwin and Ravindra Jadeja in Perth, Nayar said the duo understood the team's needs. "When you have seniors like Jaddu and Ash, it becomes easy because of the team first policy. The culture of this team is that everyone wants Team India to win."

Unnati and Sindhu set to face off in semifinal in a clash of generations

Uthra Ganesan
LUCKNOW

Game plan: Unnati, who sees Sindhu as one of her idols, said she would play freely and, hopefully, learn from the match. SANDEEP SAXENA

Statistically, P.V. Sindhu and Unnati Hooda have nothing in common. The two-time Olympic medallist and former World No. 2 had already won the first of her five Worlds Championships medals by the time Unnati was five years old. And when the two meet in the semifinals of the Syed Modi international Super 300 here on Saturday, the result may well indicate if the baton has been passed to the next generation or not.

On Friday, Sindhu appeared to have learnt from her previous struggles in the tournament, playing her best game so far in an easy 21-15, 21-17 win against China's Wang Dai. Attacking from the beginning and controlling her strokes, Sindhu was more fluid in her movements and made full use of the court, making Wang work hard for every point. A few unforced errors in the second game had some tense moments for her father, sitting far above, but little of concern.

Unnati, on the other hand, started tentatively, struggling with the AC drift and the court surface against Ishika Jaiswal in the first game before breezing through the second for a 21-16, 21-9 win. The 17-year-old, considered among the brightest of upcoming talents in Indian badminton, is looking forward to the clash. "I have never played against her before so pretty excited about the match. Sindhu and Saina are my idols, but there is no pressure. I will just go out there and give my best, play freely, and hopefully will also learn from the match," she told *The Hindu*.

Meanwhile, in the men's draw, Lakshya Sen and Priyanshu Rajawat won their respective quarterfinal matches and, being drawn in separate halves, remained on course for an all-Indian final.

The results (quarterfinals):

Women: P.V. Sindhu bt Wang Dai (Chn) 21-15, 21-17; Unnati Hooda bt Ishika Jaiswal 21-16, 21-9; Lalinrat Chaiwan (Tha) bt Tasnim Mir 21-13, 21-15; Luo Yu Wu (Chn) bt Shriyanshi Valishetty 20-22, 21-14, 21-19.

Men: Lakshya Sen bt Meiraba Luwang Maisnam 21-8, 21-19; Priyanshu Rajawat bt Hai Dang Nguyen (Vie) 21-13, 21-8; Shogo Ogawa (Jpn) bt Ayush Shetty 21-7, 21-14; Jia Heng Jason Teh (Sin) bt Rithvik Sanjeevi Satish Kumar 21-10, 22-20.

Super Max takes his place among the pantheon of greats with sublime show

FORMULA ONE

S. Dipak Ragav
CHENNAI

Verstappen. GETTY IMAGES

In elite sports, climbing to the top is one of the hardest things. It is the culmination of years of hard work that starts very early.

While reaching the peak is one thing, remaining there is more challenging. How someone reacts to competition and maintains the stranglehold on the numero uno status separates the good from the elite. Last Saturday in Las Vegas, Max Verstappen showed why he was considered the best of his generation and also made a case for being one of the greatest the sport has seen by clinching his fourth consecutive drivers' title.

Though the Dutchman managed to win the crown with two rounds to spare – the penultimate round will be run in Qatar this weekend – the fourth one was not as straightforward as he made it to be. The 27-year-old's maiden title came after the most thrilling championship decider in the sport's 75-year history as it was settled on the last lap. But it will always carry an asterisk against it as the Race Director's incorrect application of rules allowed Verstappen to pass seven-time champion Lewis Hamilton. In 2022 and '23, Red Bull's superior car powered helped Verstappen win at a canter.

He started strongly in the leap year, winning four out of the first five races when Red Bull continued to be the fastest on the grid. But once McLaren bolted its upgrades in Miami and became the best all-round car, Verstappen's wins in Imola, Canada and Spain in a slightly slower machine built a cushion that was enough to repel a late-season challenge from Lando Norris.

After Barcelona (round 10), the energy drink giant went through the next 10 races without a win even as McLaren, Mercedes and Ferrari stepped up a gear. During this phase, Verstappen maximised everything by limiting his damage on tough weekends even as Norris and McLaren left points on the table due to driver and team errors.

To illustrate further, Verstappen has 403 points compared to teammate Sergio Perez's 152 (eighth in standings).

In Brazil, Verstappen put on a wet-weather masterclass, charging from 17th on the grid to win his eighth race of the year and snuffing out Norris' slim hopes.

It was a microcosm of the season in which Verstappen's prodigious talent came to the fore even in treacherous conditions and showed the world why he is unequivocally the best driver on the grid.

INBRIEF

Diamantakos nets East Bengal's winner in ISL

Dimitrios Diamantakos' spectacular header in the 23rd minute helped East Bengal prevail over NorthEast United FC by a solitary goal in a matchweek 10 encounter of the ISL 11 at the Salt Lake Stadium in Kolkata on Friday. Despite the win, East Bengal remains at the bottom with four points from eight matches, while NorthEast United held on to the third spot with 15 points after 10 matches.

Hameed ups his game in National tenpin c'ships

Shaik Abdul Hameed made a charge for the top spot with a good show in the second block of six games in the second round of the ARC 33rd National tenpin bowling championships in Bengaluru on Friday. Hameed's 1,311-pin effort saw him snap at leader Akaash Ashok Kumar's heels (1359).

Sporting Club Bengaluru suffers another reverse

Sporting Club Bengaluru lost its second match on the bounce, falling to a 0-2 away defeat to Aizawl FC an I-League match on Friday. In Srinagar, Gokulam Kerala FC came back from a goal down to hold host Real Kashmir FC to a 1-1 draw.

The results: Aizawl FC 2 (Shandi Valan 21-OG, Lalrinfela 89) bt Sporting Club Bengaluru 0; Real Kashmir 1 (Bouba Aminou 2) drew with Gokulam Kerala 1 (Athul Unnikrishnan 76).

LIVE TELECAST

South Africa vs Sri Lanka: 1st Test, day 4, Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & JioCinema, 1 p.m.

World Chess Championship: Chessbase India YouTube channel, 2.30 p.m. onwards

ISL: Sports 18-3 & JioCinema, 5 & 7.30 p.m.

LaLiga: gxr.world, 6.30, 8.45, 11 p.m. & 1.30 a.m. (Sunday)

Serie A: gxr.world, 7.30, 10.30 p.m.& 1.15 a.m. (Sunday)

Formula One: Qatar GP, Sprint Race, F1 TV, F1 TV Pro App & FanCode, 7.30 p.m.; Qualifying, 11.30 p.m.

Bundesliga: Sony Sports Ten 2 (SD & HD) & LIV, 8 & 11 p.m.

PKL: Star Sports 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 8 p.m.

Premier League: SS Select 1, 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 8.30 & 11 p.m.

West Indies vs. Bangladesh: 2nd Test, day 1, FanCode, 8.30 p.m.

New Zealand vs. England: 1st Test, day 4, Sony Sports Ten 5 (SD & HD) & LIV, 3.30 a.m. (Sunday)

Gujarat's bowlers rise to the occasion in victory over TN

Hemang's unbeaten half-century proves crucial; seamer Nagaswalla sends Shahrukh's men hurtling to defeat

MUSHTAQ ALI TROPHY

Vivek Krishnan
INDORE

In a game of slender margins in Group B of the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy on Friday, the dismissals of Vijay Shankar and M. Shahrukh Khan in the space of 10 deliveries proved costly for Tamil Nadu.

In pursuit of 134 against Gujarat at the Emerald Heights International School ground, the southern side withered away after that to lose by 19 runs. This is its second successive defeat in the T20 tournament.

As much as Tamil Nadu will rue not getting over the line, the Axar Patel-led team deserves immense credit for digging its heels in and wresting the initiative. With the bat, Hemang Patel played a pivotal knock (50 n.o., 34b, 4x4, 3x6) to take Gujarat to 133 for nine.

All over: Gurjapneet is cleaned up by Nagwaswalla to signal Gujarat's win. SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

Though contributions from the entire bowling pack followed, left-arm seamer Arzan Nagwaswalla was the standout with figures of 3.5-0-21-4. He got the prized scalp of Tamil Nadu captain Shahrukh, and ended proceedings in the penultimate over with a full ball that castled Gurjapneet Singh.

Chasing for the first time in this tournament, Tamil Nadu needed one of its top four to bat for a majority of the overs. That was unlikely, however, once it was reduced to 29 for three.

There was a recovery when S. Rithik Easwaran, promoted to No. 4 to hold back the experienced duo of Shahrukh and Vijay Shankar, stitched together a 41-run stand with the skipper.

But when the chase was seemingly in control, Rithik miscued a slog sweep off Ravi Bishnoi to Saurav Chauhan at cover.

Vital blows

Not long after, a misunderstanding between Shahrukh and Vijay Shankar resulted in the latter's run out. Tamil Nadu would have still been in the hunt if Shahrukh hadn't been undone by a short ball that he skied to Chauhan at deep midwicket.

What the men in yellow lacked was the sort of measured contribution that came from Hemang's willow.

Despite losing wickets at regular intervals, Gujarat's No. 7, who came in at 64 for five in the ninth over, batted through to the end and added precious runs with the tail.

Deepika stars for Karnataka

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Deepika P.P. scored 23 points to guide Karnataka girls to a convincing 66-37 win over Punjab in a Group-B match on the opening day of the 39th National youth basketball at the Dumurjala Indoor Stadium, Howrah, on Friday.

Select results: Level 1: Boys: Group A: Telangana 69 (Saharsh Maheswar 18, Reyhan Ellore 13) bt Madhya Pradesh 64 (Krishna Sumeriya 16, Anuj Verma 16, Aditya Jayswal 10). **Group B:** Punjab 86 (Joypreet Singh Sidhu 23, Suhaan Masih 21, Ajinder Singh 15) bt Chandigarh 69 (Sachin 18, Kushnaz Singh Baidwan 14, Nikhil 14), Uttar Pradesh 77 (Ayush Kumar 25, Sanjay Mahakunda 17, Raj Singh 12, Sumit Kumar Singh 10) bt Karnataka 56 (Dev Charan Jonnalagadda 18, Samarth Manur 16). **Girls: Group A:** Maharashtra 69 (Reva Kulkarni 26) bt Madhya Pradesh 42 (Vaishnavi Singh 10). **Group B:** Karnataka 66 (Deepika P.P. 23, Nidhi Umesh 13, Aditi Subramanian 12) bt Punjab 37 (Tishmeet Kaur 10, K.Vanshika 10).

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Group-A: Rajkot: Bihar 118/9 in 20 overs (Ravi Teja 4/26) lost to Hyderabad 119/1 in 12.3 overs (Rohit Rayudu 56 n.o., Tilak Varma 51 n.o.); **Toss:** Hyderabad; **Points: Hyderabad 4(8), Bihar 0(4).**

Mizoram 176/5 in 20 overs (Agni Chopra 52, Mohit Jangra 67 n.o., Baltej Singh 3/42) tied with Punjab 176/7 in 20 overs (Prabhsimran Singh 45, Naman Dhir 41). **Super Over:** Punjab 15/1 in 1 over bt Mizoram 7/1 in 1 over; **Toss:** Punjab; **Punjab 4(8), Mizoram 0(0).**

Bengal 189/9 in 20 overs (Karan Lal 44, Habib Gandhi 31, Shahbaz Ahmed 37, Shivam Shukla 4/29) lost to Madhya Pradesh 190/4 in 19.4 overs (Subhranshu Senapati 50, Rajat Patidar 68); **Toss:** Bengal; **MP 4(16), Bengal 0(12).**

Meghalaya 91 in 18.1 overs (A.V. Choudhary 3/18, Kamlesh Nagarkoti 3/14) lost to Rajasthan 92/1 in 9.1 overs (B. S. Sharma 48 n.o.); **Toss:** Meghalaya; **Rajasthan 4(16), Meghalaya 0(0).**

Group-B: Indore: Saurashtra 186/7 in 20 overs (Harvik Desai 41, Prerak Mankad 54, Vishvaraj Jadeja 32, Akash Madhwal 3/32) bt Uttarakhand 143/6 in 20 overs (Swapnil Singh 44 n.o.); **Toss:** Uttarakhand; **Saurashtra 4(12), Uttarakhand 0(8).**

Tripura 109/9 in 20 overs (Mandeep Singh 50, Akash Singh 3/19) lost to Baroda 115/3 in 11.2 overs (Mitesh Patel 37 n.o., Hardik Pandya 47); **Toss:** Baroda; **Baroda 4(16), Tripura 0(0).**

Gujarat 133/9 in 20 overs (Vishal Jayswal 32, Hemang Patel 50 n.o.) bt Tamil Nadu 114 in 18.5 overs (M. Shahrukh Khan 33, Chintan Gaja 3/31, Arzan Nagwaswalla 4/21); **Toss:** Gujarat; **Gujarat 4(12), TN 0(8).**

Sikkim 82 in 18.2 overs (Vidyadhar Patil 3/10, Shreyas Gopal 5/13) lost to Karnataka 86/2 in 5.4 overs (Manish Pandey 30 n.o., K. Shrijith 37); **Toss:** Sikkim; **Karnataka 4(8), Sikkim 0(0).**

Group-C: Mumbai: Jammu & Kashmir 173/8 in 20 overs (Vivrant Sharma 39) lost to Himachal Pradesh 177/7 in 19.3 overs (Ankit Kalsi 57, Mayank Dagar 65, Auqib Nabi 3/28); **Toss:** HP; **HP 4(8), J & K 0(4).**

Manipur 120/8 in 20 overs (Ahmed Shah 32) lost to Delhi 124/6 in 18.3 overs (Yash Dhull 59 n.o.); **Toss:** Manipur; **Delhi 4(16), Manipur 0(0).**

Haryana 133/9 in 20 overs (Bhuvneshwar Kumar 3/28, Vineet Panwar 3/33) lost to Uttar Pradesh 134/6 in 17.5 overs (Madhav Kaushik 50, Rinku Singh 30 n.o.); **Toss:** UP; **UP 4(12), Haryana 0(8).**

Arunachal Pradesh 93 in 20 overs (Anukul Roy 4/17, Ravi Kumar Yadav 3/12) lost to Jharkhand 94/0 in 4.3 overs (Ishan Kishan 77 n.o.); **Toss:** Arunachal; **Jharkhand 4(12), AP 0(0).**

Group-D: Visakhapatnam: Assam 123 in 19.1 overs (Denish Das 31, Dipesh Parwani 3/23) lost to Vidarbha 124/2 in 14 overs (Karun Nair 75, Mandar Mahale 31 n.o.); **Toss:** Vidarbha; **Vidarbha 4(12), Assam 0(8).**

Vizianagaram: Chhattisgarh 176/9 in 20 overs (Amandeep Khare 62, Shashank Singh 33, Jagjit Singh 5/38) lost to Chandigarh 177/1 in 16.4 overs (Arslan Khan 107 n.o., Shivam Bhambri 62 n.o.); **Toss:** Chandigarh; **Chandigarh 4(12), Chhattisgarh 0(4).**

Pondicherry 91/2 in 6 overs (Arun Karthik 35) bt Odisha 75/3 in 6 overs (Govinda Poddar 33 n.o.); **Toss:** Odisha; **Pondicherry 4(8), Odisha 0(0).**

Group-E: Hyderabad: Kerala 234/5 in 20 overs (Rohan Kunnummal 87, Salman Nizar 99 n.o., Mohit Avasthi 4/44) bt Mumbai 191/9 in 20 overs (Shreyas Iyer 32, Ajinkya Rahane 68, M.D. Nidheesh 4/30); **Toss:** Mumbai; **Kerala 4(12), Mumbai 0(8).**

Andhra 174/7 in 20 overs (Ashwin Hebbar 36, P. Avinash 55, Mukesh Choudhary 3/21) bt Maharashtra 99 in 15.4 overs (K.V. Sasikanth 3/22, B. Yeswanth 3/29); **Toss:** Maharashtra; **Andhra 4(12), Maharashtra 0(8).**

Services 212/7 in 20 overs (Kuwar Pathak 30, Rajat Paliwal 38, Nitin Tanwar 58, Mohit Ahlawat 48, J. Suchith 3/39) bt Nagaland 106/8 in 20 overs (Pulkit Narang 3/28); **Toss:** Nagaland; **Services 4(8), Nagaland 0(0).**

KARNATAKA ROUND-UP

Karnataka gains first innings lead

MYSURU: Inspired bowling by Pranav Ashwath (5/24) and skipper Dheeraj Gowda (3/40) helped host Karnataka gain the first innings lead against Odisha in their BCCI U-19 Cooch Behar Trophy match here on Friday.

The scores: Karnataka 308 in 95.5 overs (Sayed Tufayl Ahmad 4/66) vs Odisha 147 in 62.5 overs (Sambit K. Beja 48, Panakala Mokshit 29 n.o., Pranav Ashwath 5/24, Dheeraj Gowda 3/40) & 33/0 in 17 overs.

Big win for Karnataka U-15 girls

Karnataka whipped Assam by 144 runs in the BCCI under-15 girls' one-day trophy match at Dehradun.

The scores: Karnataka 183/5 in 35 overs (Rohini Dechamma 25, Nesara Saptha Girish 43, Kashvi Kandikuppa 68) btAssam 39 in 19.3 overs (Anvita Narendra Mysore 4/14, C. Prathiksha 3/2).

Dhruv Krishnan to lead, Anvay Dravid is deputy

Dhruv Krishnan will lead Karnataka in the Vijay Merchant Trophy under-16 tournament which commences on December 6 at Vijayawada. Anvay Dravid, younger son of Rahul Dravid, has been named as vice-captain.

The squad: Dhruv Krishnan (captain), M. Shivu, Anvay Dravid (vice-captain), Syaamantak Anirudh, J. Sukruth, Arush Jain, Ayaan Sharmod Kumar, Dhyaan Mahesh Hiremath, Atharv Deshpande, Gaurav Venkatesh, Sujith Velan, Gagan Sai Ketireddi, Aditya Jha, Arya Gowda, Dhruv Modhe, and Adhrit Rao.

Coach: Kunal Kapoor. **Bowling coach:** Adithya Sagar.

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